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GOVERNMENT CRISIS DEEPENS

Dr. Sun Rejects Demand To Resign Or Return

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Canton, February 16.

The internal Government crisis deepened today with a new rejection by Premier Sun Fo of growing demand for either the resignation of his refugee Cabinet or its prompt return to Nanking.

Empire Medal Presentation

Canton, February 16.
The British Empire Medal was today presented to Mr. Chen Chang-yao, a radio telegraphist, for untiring efforts in aiding the British Government.

The presentation was made by Mr. G. F. Tyrrell, Consul-General at a ceremony at the British Consulate-General.

Mr. Chen had earlier received four British Service awards.

The citation said that during the Second World War Mr. Chen gave valuable service as chief wireless operator with the British Military Mission in Hanwei and later at Advance Headquarters of the British Army Aid Group at Huichow.

For 11 years, the citation added, he gave faithful service with the British Government in Hong Kong as chief wireless operator with the No. 1 Police Patrol in Hong Kong territorial waters.

Mr. Chen is now a radio operator with the Central Air Transport—HAPAG.

More Russian Troops For Germany

Berlin, February 16.

New reports that Russians were increasing their occupation forces in Germany came today from a German source.

The British-licensed German News Service said German railway crews operating reparations trains to Russia reported meeting transports of new troops coming to Germany.

The same source said they saw no transports going East recently, so the conclusion was drawn the new arrivals were additions rather than replacements.

The Western Berlin press reported 10 days ago that two new Soviet divisions had arrived in Mecklenburg, North of Berlin, by sea from Russia.

The Russians announced they planned ground-to-air firing exercises at Brandenburg in a corridor traversed by the Allied airlift. Western Air Force officials termed it a violation of four-power air safety rules.

Allied representatives also protested Russian plans to conduct parachute jumping, drills near their airfield at Estel, which also lies in an air-lift corridor.—Associated Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a moderate anticyclone which covers China and the surrounding seas is weakening. Japan remains under the influence of a very deep depression centered to the NE of Hokkaido.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E. wind. Fair and rather milder probably becoming cloudy tonight.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 68.0 deg. F. Minimum: 48.1 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.6 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—127.5 mm. (5.01 in.). Average of 17.8 mm. (0.7 in.) per day.

10 days—1,027.5 mm. (40.45 in.).

Remarks—80.51 inches.

Rel. Humidity—87. 64. 71. 78. 85. 92. 98. 100. 100. 100.

Wind Direction—S. 12 knots.

Wind Force—12 knots.

Clouds—100%.

Contact With Reds Made In Peiping



More Europeans Register For Defence Force

The strength of the Hong Kong Defence Force was raised to 585 yesterday, after the signing up of 180 more recruits.

Those who enrolled yesterday included 20 old Volunteers whose number in the Force is now 86.

An outstanding feature of yesterday's recruiting was a marked increase in the number of Europeans joining up.

The number on the roll of other services is now 335.

None of the clubs and firms to whom registration forms were sent, had, up to 7 p.m. yesterday, sent any of them back to Headquarters. It is not expected that they will be in until the end of the week.

Russian Deportation Of Anna Strong May Be Ruse—Washington

Washington, February 15.

United States officials today warned that the deportation of the pro-Communist writer, Miss Anna Louise Strong, from the Soviet Union may be a ruse. She would be of more value to them here than there.

Informed quarters here said that Miss Strong campaigned actively for Mr. Henry Wallace, Progressive Party candidate, in the last Presidential election before her return to Russia last year.

Miss Strong's last passport was issued on June 9, 1948, but State Department records do not indicate the date she left this country.

She listed her birthplace as Fresno, California, and her home as Palo Alto, California.

Records show that Miss Strong was in and out of Russia many times between 1921 and 1940.

She was part of 1940 and 1947.

She has lectured intermittently in the United States.

Miss Strong attended the University of Chicago and holds a doctorate of philosophy.

Strange Contrast

The Soviet's accusation that she is a spy working against the USSR is a strange contrast with her writings which have a pronounced pro-Soviet flavor.

In Menlo Park near San Francisco, Miss Strong's sister Mrs. Charles H. Niederhauser, said the order baffled her but added that some time ago in private conversation Miss Strong did openly criticize Russia for its attitude toward Tito and the Yugoslav Government.

Mrs. Niederhauser said: "If anyone in the world has ever struck out her neck for the Russians, it has been my sister. And now, Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, said she has been arrested for spying of all things. I do not know what to make of these reports."

Despatches from Moscow, subject to censorship, have not explained what the Russians accuse Miss Strong of doing, saying of writings.

Officials in Washington said they know of no evidence that she was a spy. They said they regarded her as pro-Soviet. Some said privately the Moscow action might be a ruse to return Miss Strong to the United States with added prestige among non-Communists.

Washington records give Miss Strong's age as 64. Miss Strong lived in Edgewater, New Jersey, through World War II but made frequent trips—Associated Press, and United Press.

No Strategic Materials To Russia, U.S. Declares

Geneva, February 16.

The United States will not permit strategic materials to go to the Soviet Union and its satellites, the U.S. delegate, Mr. Paul R. Porter, told a United Nations trade conference here yesterday.

Replying to a concerted Communist attack on the United States system of export licenses, Porter declared:

"It is the policy of the United States to encourage trade which fosters peace and recovery. We do not wish to encourage types of trade which endanger peace."

The Soviet delegate Mr. Vladimir Gerashchenko, had previously told the 25-nation Trade Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that the American export restrictions were an obstruction to a revival of trade between East and West Europe.

All the Communist satellites subsequently echoed Mr. Gerashchenko's complaint. The committee opened its first session on Monday in an attempt to plan a threefold increase of Europe's East-West trade, unanimously resolved as essential to European recovery.

Declaring the United States' desire to foster trade between East and West Europe, Mr. Porter said that the U.S. would not permit strategic materials to be sent to Russia or its satellites.

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Burmese Troops Open Offensive Against Insein

Rangoon, Burmo, February 16.

Pro-Government sources said today Burmese troops have opened a major offensive to recapture Insein from rebellious Karen tribesmen.

The informants said the Government troops jumped off last night from a new base at Byagon, one mile below Insein and nine miles North of Rangoon. First reports claimed a Government advance beyond a Karen stronghold guarding the entrance to the town.

The Karens have been battling furiously against Government troops in the Insein area. They are fighting to set up an independent state.

The Karens mounted a counter-attack from inside Insein during the Government attack. The informants said they added the tribesmen used guerrilla tactics, but were driven back.

Earlier Government warplanes bombed Karen tribesmen fighting at Insein.

Government and rebel forces exchanged heavy machine-gun fire inside the town and around it. A strong army detachment moved to cut off Karen reinforcements reported sweeping towards Insein from the West.

This was the 10th successive day of fighting for control of Insein, an important approach to the capital itself.

Karen tribesmen and supporting Burmese Communist forces are attacking on the delta town of Kyaukse and Dabay, 40 miles South West of Rangoon, a Government communiqué announced.

The rebels fought into the town and burned a number of buildings, the communiqué said, but Government troops flung them back with heavy losses and beat them again when the rebels tried to reform ranks.

The Government announced in a special bulletin on Monday night that Karens had fled from Insein. Another official statement said yesterday the bulletin was premature.

Another battle with the Karens was reported raging yesterday at Hloay, 28 miles above Rangoon on the Rangoon-Pegu road.

The Rangoon water supply returned to normal today after it had been shut down for 12 days by a rebel action 50 miles North of the capital.

A smallpox epidemic also has broken out in Rangoon, congested with more than 18,000 refugees from battlefronts in the hinterlands. Health authorities who are urging vaccination of everyone in the city, feared a possible epidemic of other diseases, such as cholera.

Two thousand railroad workers laid down tools in a "strike until victory" campaign with dismissal of civil servants in Rangoon, who are calling for replacement of the Thakin Government.

The railroaders are demanding restoration of their salary cuts and abolition of an order for 25 percent cut in the railroad staff. The Government ordered the salary cuts and retrenchment in an effort to solve a financial crisis.

The striking railroaders joined the civil servants in a procession around the Government building, carrying banners and shouting slogans. The procession also included striking high school and college students. Security measures around the building were increased.—Associated Press.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

The condition of Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," was stated to be unchanged at one o'clock this morning.

Mr. Keates, who was injured in a traffic accident on Monday evening, has not yet regained consciousness.

A Case of Coca-Cola Promises Hospitality



HONG KONG BOTTLERS
Kowloon, U.S.A.

Masbate Survivors Want Higher Compensation

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Survivors and dependents of those missing from the sunken Portuguese freighter *Masbate* refuse to accept compensation as governed by Portuguese shipping articles.

They are demanding seven months' and 18 months' salaries, respectively, as against the stipulated payment of one month for a survivor and three months for a casualty.

Negotiations on Tuesday and yesterday between representatives of the survivors and the local agents, Jebshun Shipping Company, with an official of the Chinese Seamen Association, Hong Kong Office as arbitrator, produced no results.

Dependents of the missing Portuguese master, Mr. C. Y. Gomez, however, have accepted the stipulated amount, an official of the company stated yesterday. Mr. C. Y. Wong, second officer and the only one among his colleagues to survive the January 31 mopping collision between the *Masbate* and the Chinese steamer *Hsiang Hsing* near Swatow en route to the North from Hong Kong, has also received his share.

Compensation to dependents of the missing British chief officer, Mr. Edward Bentley, will be paid through the China Coast Officers and Engineers Guild, he said.

Twenty-two men survived and arrived here by *Hai Yang* on February 3 from Swatow. The chief cook died shortly after he was picked up from the sea.

Twenty-five persons, including the master and five officers, are still reported missing.

An official of the company remarked yesterday that it is

believed they must have been drowned or killed by the explosion of the *Masbate's* boiler when she sank, five minutes after the collision in thick fog.

Representatives of the survivors declared that most of them are drawing salaries between HK\$80 to HK\$100. "The proposed compensation is evidently insufficient," they said. "Before leaving port here, they said they were advised to get warm clothing as they were going to a very cold place. Many purchased woollens and warm clothing, incurring heavy personal expenses, they claimed."

Heavy Losses

"We were then informed not to stay ashore as the ship would be leaving at any time. This prevented many from giving their money to their dependents here. Consequently, we lost heavily in cash and belongings when the *Masbate* sank."

"We have lost also our credentials. It is extremely difficult to get employment now under our present circumstances," they declared.

The representatives said that the men signed on in the colony to join the *Masbate*, which was then on the Hong Kong-Haiphong run for about two years. "We want this matter to be settled by Hong Kong shipping regulations," they said.

An official of Jebshun Shipping Company said the company appreciated the difficulties of the survivors and the dependents of those missing. He said they have explained that the trip was the first venture of the new owners of the *Masbate* and that they had lost heavily by the accident. Each survivor was given HK\$50 on his arrival here as emergency fund. Those without families here are lodged in boarding houses, and are maintained at about \$8 per head.

The *Masbate* flew the Portuguese flag, and the Portuguese authorities concerned have agreed that compensation should be made according to Portuguese articles, he stated.

"There will be no court of inquiry in Hong Kong; it will be held most probably at Shanghai," the informant said. The *Masbate* would not be salvaged as she is in deep water.

DONATION

An anonymous donor has sent \$100 "for welfare work" to Mr. J.C. McDouall, the Social Welfare Officer.

The money has been handed to the recently-formed Matauchung Horticultural Co-operative which made a successful start by growing its Chinese New Year Fair stall, and which is training orphans in gardening.

"It aims to help the orphans establish themselves as self-reliant and independent citizens when their training is completed."

Personalia

Mr. Hodgman left the Colony yesterday for Shanghai by the *ss. Achilles*.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mrs. A.B. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. V. Sams, Messrs. E. Balno, H.T. Samson, E.A. Robertson, S.S. Torpe, G.C. Romain, W.A. Johnson, W.E. Clark and J. Thompson.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Miss M.S. Annand, Miss S.E. Weeks, Miss M. Astmann, Messrs. J.E. Bathelot, W.S.C. Milne, J. Kopper, F. Schmidt, M. Dols and C. Hultfeldt.

Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Marshall, Mrs. M. O'Neill, Mrs. D.I. Smith, Miss M.W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Miss S.A. Wilson, Miss J. Wilson and Miss J.J. Wilson arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai by the *ss. Yechow*.

Among the passengers who arrived from Bangkok yesterday by CPA were Mrs. T.C. Loquet, Messrs. Bhui Khan, Chong Wai-nam, Cher Hah, Sangs Sethin, Chan See-wai, Low Kung-hoi and Low Poh-yok.

Passengers who arrived by CPA from Singapore yesterday included Messrs. James Armstrong, R.C. Anderson, R.P. Collins, H. Glaume, T. Raj Pathala, Madan Lal, E.F. Jenkins, George Johnston, Henry Swenson, Charles Morgan and D.J. Pressman.

Crowds Wait For New 10-Cent Coins



More than HK\$200,000 of Hong Kong's new metallic 10-cent pieces were issued to the public yesterday. The issue was made over the counters of local exchange banks. Crowds of people waited outside the banks for hours. Many of them wanted the new coins out of curiosity more than anything else. Many who arrived after 3 p.m. were told to come again today. Picture above shows crowd milling around the counter at the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation. "China Mail" Photo.

Maximum Term For Burglar

The maximum sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed on Chan Chor, alias Chan Yuen, alias Tai Tau Tsai, found guilty of four counts of burglary and larceny and one of possession of implements, by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

The four burglaries were alleged to have been committed within one week in December in the Yuenat district. The value of property involved is estimated to be about HK\$5,000.

The prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope, stated that accused was apprehended at Reclamation Street on the night of February 7 by Detective Sergeant 256 Wong Muk-lin. Fused into his girdle were a bar and a lever which when assembled together with two iron hinges in his pocket, formed a jack.

Under questioning, accused admitted that he was responsible for the four burglaries. Two other men, still at large, he said, operated with him.

The time and method of gaining access to the premises were in each case substantially the same. All four burglaries were committed between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. in three instances, the door to the house was opened by forcing the iron lever of the jack in between the two panels and lifting the inner bolt.

Part of the property was recovered by the police. It was found that accused first came to the Colony in 1940. In June of that year he was convicted of larceny and sentenced to three months' hard labour. Shortly after he perpetrated the four burglaries; he was arrested for disorderly conduct and sentenced to six weeks. He was discharged from gaol two days before his arrest on February 7.

Accused was recommended for deportation. As a sequel to this, Li Kai, alias Ko Lo Kan, was brought before Court on the charge of receiving stolen property.

The sentence of two years' hard labour was passed on accused with a recommendation for deportation.

Funeral Of Mr. Ablong

Mr. Arthur John Ablong died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Tuesday. Mr. Ablong was formerly with the Hong Kong Electric Company Limited. Aged 55, Mr. Ablong is survived by a son, George, daughters Laura and Lucy, and sisters Maude and Nancy.

The funeral took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery and was officiated by Father Luke Fung.

The chief mourners were the son, daughters and sisters and Mr. A.F. Ferreira (son-in-law). Others present were Messrs. A.H. Xavier, J.H. Xavier, D. Ribeiro, G.N. Naves, S.H. La Rosa, Miss I. Ishii, Miss S. Kader and Miss I. Costa.

REMAND GRANTED

A remand of three days was granted by Mr. P.C. Almeida at Central yesterday in the case of Raymond Paul Brillon, aged 21, a gunman of the 28th Field Regiment, 33rd Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders, who was charged with the murder of a woman.

Judgment Given In Theatre Fire Case

Final hearing and judgment were given yesterday at Central to the fire incident which occurred in the Poi Ho Theatre in Kowloon on the night of September 23, 1948.

Facing charges were Sui Wai-ying, alias Bartholomew Vee Ing Shaw, licensee of the theatre, and Wang Sau-po, film-developer.

Shaw, defended by Mr. Peter Sin stood on three counts of committing an act of public nuisance by permitting films to be stored in a manner dangerous to public safety, failing to take the necessary fire precautions and committing a breach of theatre regulations.

Wong faced one charge of committing a public nuisance and a summons of storing 550 reels of celluloid films without a permit. He was defended by Mr. Bernacchi.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Superintendent C. Mottram.

In the course of his evidence, Mr. R.C. Terry, assistant Government chemist, said that he visited the scene after the fire and inspected the basement which was reached by a short flight of stairs from the street. He picked up some charred films which were later discovered to be celluloid or nitrate films.

On cross-examination, by the prosecution, he agreed that nitrate films burn fiercely and quickly. Asked whether he could give any theory of the origin of the fire, he said he could not give a definite answer, except that the fire originated in a quantity of film stored in drums.

He could not advance any theory as to how the fire in the drums started. Witness agreed that it was possible for the films to become self-ignited due to the internal chemical reaction of the chemicals in the film, but in that case the end-lids of the drums would be blown out.

He agreed that a number of drums containing scraps of nitrate films were extremely dry, and that the drums were not stored with regulations for the storage of celluloid films.

To Mr. Bernacchi's questions, Mr. Terry replied that film was usually stored in metal containers, and agreed that containers would then be an explosion risk. He said he had no doubt that the drums were not stored with regulations for the storage of celluloid films.

He could not agree with counsel that the "force" of explosion was not great, as a gas explosion was known to have a considerable force.

Primary precautions, in his opinion, were to store films away from hot bodies and congregation of people and to throw the waste films away. He admitted that in describing storage place as "dangerous" he meant that it was immediately below the stage of the theatre.

Reverse Plea

At this stage, defending counsel said that both defendants wished to reverse their original plea of not guilty to "that of guilty in pleading for mitigation." Mr. Bernacchi said that his client had asked the films in thick iron drums and in a great deal of water, and that the drums were not stored with regulations for the storage of celluloid films.

Who Wants To Hunt A Polar Bear?

Hunters who want a white polar bear rug in front of their fireplace are guaranteed a skin for U.S.\$1,000 in a hunt under the midnight sun of Alaska through an arrangement with Pan-American Airways.

FAA flies the hunter to Nome and arranges for connections to Kotzebue, 300 miles north on the Bering Sea. There, an experienced hunt manager, Mr. Jesse Joiner of Trans-Alaska Airways, arranges a polar bear hunt for an all-inclusive \$5,000, under leadership of a licensed guide. This fee is exclusive of air fare to Nome.

Hunts go on until the middle of April in the territory between Kotzebue and Siberia. There, in the closed season and no limit on polar bear.

It is now open season in Alaska for bear, the black, brown, and grizzly. It is also open for wolves, ptarmigan, king salmon and silver salmon.

Half Fares For School Children

Fifty per cent discounts on round-trip tickets over many of Pan-American World Airways routes are now available to school children between the ages of 12 and 18, according to Mr. John O'Donnell, District Traffic Manager for the airline at Hong Kong.

"These new low fares are especially planned for school children traveling on holiday," Mr. O'Donnell said, "to enable them to spend the major part of their vacation with their families, and to familiarize them with Pan-American's operations in the Orient and Europe."

Routes available for the reduced fares extend from Hong Kong to other points in the Orient and to Europe via the Middle East.

Applications for the reduced fares must be accompanied by certificates from school authorities. Rates do not apply on flights to the United States and Hawaii.

CPR Changes

The Canadian Pacific Steamships Limited announced on Tuesday the following appointments, as part of a general re-organization to the future Trans-Pacific operations over 10,824 miles of routes to Australia-New Zealand and the Orient, with existing domestic services covering 9,770 route miles.

Mr. R.W. Ryan, general manager at Winnipeg for the past two years, became executive assistant to Mr. G.W.C. McConachie, President, at Montreal.

Mr. W.G. Townley of Vancouver, has been appointed general manager of operations in Winnipeg. He will move his headquarters to Vancouver when Trans-Pacific operations begin and will be responsible for domestic operations as well.

Charged with gambling "hung luk" (red and green) inside the Shumshulpo market, Lam Wing, aged 23, and Lihg Muk-lan, aged 22, were each fined \$25 by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

A workman, Wong Ming, aged 36, with a gun in his hand, was charged on the approach of the police, was also fined \$25.

HMS London Stoker Fined

Leading Stoker Reginald Roy Slack of HMS London was fined \$50 and bound over in the sum of \$500 for one year, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of having in his possession two oil injectors suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

DSI Saul, prosecuting said that while he was on duty at Gloucester Road with Sergeant Huntley of Dockyard Police he saw the accused talking to a Chinese male holding a suitcase to his hand.

He went up to him and saw that it was an oil injector. Asked if he had any more, he produced another one from under his jumpers and said they were from a friend whom he had met at the Back Lane Bazaar. This friend has asked him to dispose of them.

Not satisfied with his explanation, the Inspector placed him under arrest.

The injectors were ordered to be returned to the Naval Dockyard stores.

Blair, Newcastle, February 16. Two Africans, a Nigerian and a Zulu, were apprehended today by the New Zealand Legislative Council for the first time in the country's history. The Governor, Mr. Geoffrey Colby, announced that they had been appointed for three years from February 8. The preserve the balance of the European members of the Council were elected in numbers 1931 and 1932.

Some February 16. The British Commonwealth of Nations Council of Ministers met in London today. The meeting was the first since the war.

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BREAKING UP "SEISHU MARU"

The closing date for receipt of tenders for the breaking up of "Seishu Maru" has been extended and tenders will now be received by Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, not later than Hong Kong, Monday, February 28, 1949.

SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, February 21, 1949, at 3 p.m.

The area, which comprises 108,050 square feet is situated at Castle Peak Road and is suitable for Factory purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of February 4, 1949, or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works, January 24, 1949.

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REGISTRATION FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

All residents of Hong Kong who are willing to offer their services to the community in time of emergency in any capacity are informed that the centre will be set up as from Monday, 14th February, at:—

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th February, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 17th February, 1949.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

NOTICE

A concert will be held at Club Lusitano (kindly loaned by the Committee) on Thursday, February 17, at 6.00 p.m. No admission charge, but a collection will be made during the interval in aid of the Society.

J. M. G. da SILVA, Secretary-General.

MARINE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE NO. 7/1949

It is notified for general information that Queen's Pier, Victoria, will be closed to the Public from 1200 to 1700 hours on Thursday, February 17, 1949 on account of an official ceremony which is to take place at the Pier.

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Marine Office, Hong Kong, Feb. 14, 1949.

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General View Of New Ruling For Steel Ships

A statement giving a general view of the new rules for steel ships was issued by the local office of Lloyd's Register of Shipping yesterday. A separate statement containing a more detailed technical appreciation of the revised requirements was released at the same time.

The statement on the revised rules follows:

The recent publication of a completely revised edition of the sections dealing with hull construction is an event of some importance. The first Rules were published in 1834: rules for iron ships were formulated in 1880, and those for steel ships followed 30 years later.

During the past 50 years there have been frequent revisions, and but for the intervention of the war, new Rules would have appeared in 1940. Important advances have been made in the technique of ship construction since that time, and the latest rules have been developed to reflect this progress.

Some Radical Departures

Radical departures from existing requirements have been made. When the revised requirements become effective in six months' time, all new sea-going ships will be classed 100A. The class 100A "With Freeboard" which was formerly assigned to shelter deckers and to ships with limited draught, will disappear as the new Rules are so devised that the scantlings of all sea-going ships may be determined directly in relation to a standard suitable to their draught.

Ships intended for a particular or a restricted service for which the scantlings have been specially considered will continue to be distinguished in the Register Book by a description or "notation". For craft intended to trade in sheltered waters, the class A will be retained.

From the technical point of view the chief interest of the latest revision is that the distribution of the material in the main hull girder has been modified so that, without increasing the weight of the structure, the strength and durability will be improved. This has been effected by increasing the thickness of certain main members, and in particular strength decks, and by eliminating redundant material. The tabulation of the scantlings has been placed on a basis different from that used in the existing Rules. Scantlings will be related directly to the principal dimensions, and draught of the ship, with corrections for variations from the tabulated figures. In this way, the scantlings of any type of ship may be determined with a minimum of arithmetical work, and without recourse to interpolation between basic types, as was often necessary in the past.

Facilitate Designing

On this account, the ruler should facilitate the work of ship designers, and furthermore, they are so devised that the effect of variations in the principal dimensions or draught can be easily deduced. Alterations have been made to the method of tabulating the secondary members of the structure, and in these parts current practice and recent developments are reflected.

THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, on Wednesday, February 23, 1949 at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the proposed

that Rule 20 of the Rules of the Hong Kong Football Association be amended by adding the words "except with the permission of the Council" be added between the words "active lists" and "active players" in the 19 line thereof.

Dated: February 16, 1949.

By Order of the Council,

L. F. DE SOUZA, Hon. Secretary.

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WRONG TIME TO USE IT
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S K 8 5
 H 4 3
 D A 9 7 6 4
 C K 10 4

S Q J 10
 H K Q 10
 D 7 5
 C Q 7 2

N S A 10 4 2
 H 8 6
 D 8 3 2
 C 8 6 5 3

S 7 6 3
 H A J 9 2
 D Q J 5
 C A J 9

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West	North	East	South
1 H	Pass	Pass	2 NT
Pass	2 D	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT		

West made the natural lead of his heart K. South, who had only recently learned about the Bath coup, noted that it might give him two prompt tricks if he played low. So he put in the 2, expecting West to lead a second heart. But West decided to shift and try his spade Q. It takes no brilliancy to see what that did to South. It caused him to drop four tricks in spades and be down one before he took a trick.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A 7 6 4 3
 H A 6 5
 D 7 6 4 3
 C 10

S 9 8 5
 H J 7 4 2
 D 10 9 6 2
 C 7 3

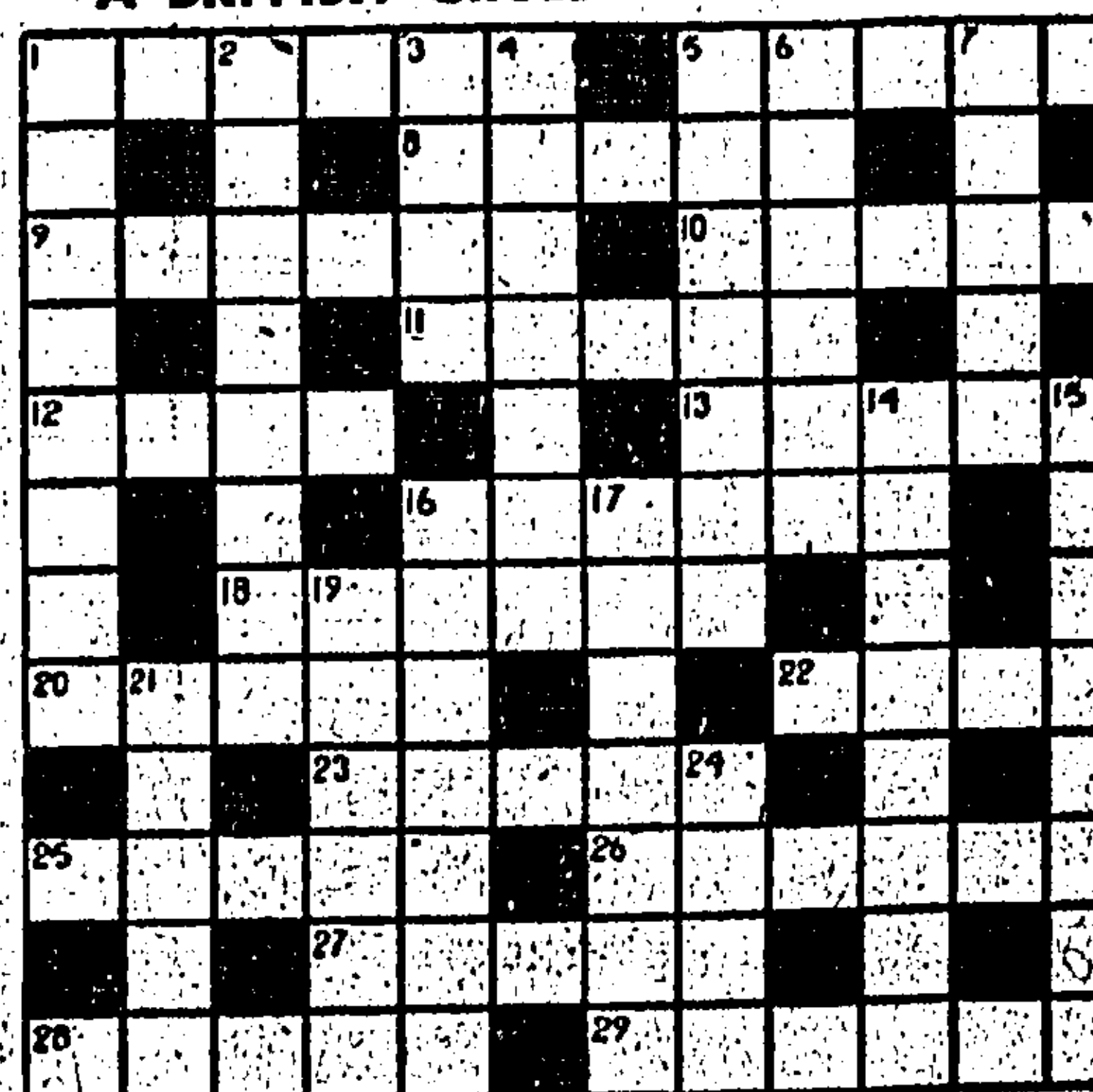
N S J 10 2
 H Q 10 9 8
 D K Q J
 C 9 4 2

S K Q
 H K 6
 D A 8
 C A K Q J 8 6 5

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

If on your way to a sure bid of grand slam, West playfully doubles your 5-NT Trumps, will you in the South redouble or go on and make your bid?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
 1 Fools sorrow, 16 Scoff at for.
 3 Soil, 20 Situations.
 8 Map, 22 Irrigate.
 9 Parisian, 23 Bend down, street ruffian, 25 Quelled.
 10 Rascal, 26 Set.
 11 Auster in, 27 Join, 12 out of work, 29 in high spirits.
 13 Concise.

Down
 1 Take child, 14 Limit, 15 Showed.
 2 Porzorn, Great interest.
 3 Reverberation, 10 Swell.
 4 Sweet drink, 17 Sharp shewer.
 6 Made reparation, 18 Savé.
 7 Tie up, 24 Para.

Yesterday's Crossword
 Across—1 Custom, 5 Dunes, 6 Vice, 9 Leader, 11 Shred, 12 Mirage, 14 Mure, 16 Vital, 18 Elite, 19 Beta, 20 Remote, 24 Cache, 25 Pierce, 26 Till, 27 Scene, 28 Escort.

Down—1 Calm, 2 Sham, 3 Omen, 4 Mirage, 5 Deserve, 6 Narrate, 7 Elderly, 10 Debut, 12 Defect, 14 Miracle, 15 Secrete, 17 Inate, 18 Sample, 21 Oils, 22 Ergo, 23 Mink.

ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT EXPECTED SOON

Rhodes, February 15.

The deadlock in the armistice talks at Rhodes between the Jews and the Egyptians has been broken and an agreement is close at hand, an informed conference source said today.

The source said both delegations had agreed to Auja, the Israeli held town, in the Negev desert near the Egyptian frontier, becoming the headquarters of the Armistice Supervisory Commission. As such, the town would be a No-Man's-Land, it added.

The question of Auja has blocked the armistice negotiations for the past fortnight. The Jews have rejected an earlier Egyptian suggestion that the town, which was captured by the Israelis in their last Negev offensive, should be a neutral zone.

The Armistice Commission is expected to be headed by Brigadier General William Riley, Chief of Staff to the United Nations' acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunch, and include a high-ranking officer from both sides.

The delegations are now faced with two main tasks, a decision on Beersheba (the Negev capital) captured by the Israelis in the fighting last October, and the disposition of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev.

The Egyptians are believed to have given up their claims, made early in the conference, that Beersheba should be Arab administered. The Israelis rejected this, saying that Beersheba not only controls the main road South to the Egyptian border, but also two important roads to the Transjordan front, East to Hebron and South East to Akaba.

The Israelis asserted that Transjordan had not yet settled an armistice with Israel and they could not afford to surrender control of the vital road junction.

A Military Threat
According to informed sources, the Egyptians now accept the Israeli point of view and are likely to concede the Israeli control of the town in exchange for guarantee that Israel will show no aggressive intentions towards Egypt.

The informed quarters said that the agreement on Beersheba was likely to be made today or tomorrow.

RADIO

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12.00 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.15 p.m.—"From the Films."
1.00 p.m.—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Bandier and the Palm Court Orchestra, with Peter Dawson (Baritone). (Studio)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.15 p.m.—Children's Story: "The River Hand" by Eileen Trevor. (Studio)

2.30 p.m.—Epic: "Victory". (Studio)
2.45 p.m.—Le Demille-Henri Francaise. (Studio)

3.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis, (London Relay)
3.15 p.m.—Music: Gilmour at the Piano. (Studio)

3.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs" Presented by Paul Stuart. (Studio)
3.45 p.m.—"From the Editorials". (London Relay)

4.00 p.m.—Presentation to the Heroes of "Lionel Maru" Survivors, including a Speech by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham KCMG. (Studio)

4.30 p.m.—Vocal and Piano Recital by Miss Schumann Chou (Soprano), Richard Liu (Tenor) and Patrick Lim (Piano). Accompaniment for the Vocal by Miss Betty Brown. (Studio)

5.00 p.m.—Israeli Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in F Major, Busch Chamber Players. (Studio)

5.15 p.m.—Book Review by Tom Houston. (Studio)

5.30 p.m.—The Odd story of Simon Oude. A Mystery by Lester Powell. (HUTS) Episode 6: "Concerto for Celia".

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.30 p.m.—"Thursday Evening".
12.45 p.m.—Dance to Harry Roy and His Orchestra and the Tiger Rag-tuning.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

PENANG SECESSION

Penang, February 15.
A petition to the Colonial Office in London, setting forth the case for the secession of Penang from the Federation of Malaya, is the next step of the Wellesley secession committee.

A decision to do this was made at a meeting of the committee today when that body discussed what steps it could take following the defeat of a motion for secession at a meeting of the Settlement Council last Thursday.

The petition to the Colonial Office will embody reports from administrative, political and economic sub-committees of the secession committee, and will be sent through the Resident Commissioner for Penang and the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya when completed.

The committee also is likely to present a case to Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the British Conservative Party when he visits Penang in March. Associated Press.

On the question of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev, the Egyptians are concerned with their proximity to Egyptian territory, maintaining they could constitute a military threat.

Won Their Point

The Israelis, on the other hand, argue that these men are needed to face the Transjordan frontier pending an armistice settlement with King Abdullah. Here again the Israelis appear to have won their point and informed quarters believe the Jews would be allowed to keep their forces in the Eastern Negev subject to loose supervision by the Armistice Commission.

Both sides have already reached agreement on two other points, which had been regarded as among the conference's main difficulties—the Egyptian-held coastal strip and the Southern Negev town of Bir Asluj (also captured by the Israelis in the fighting towards the end of last year). It is believed that the Gaza coastal strip will remain in Egyptian hands, the only probable change being the reduction of the forces in the area, subject to the control of the Armistice Commission.

It is fairly well established here that Dr. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli delegation, will not lead the delegation at the next talks. It is presumed that one of his deputies at the Foreign Ministry, where he is Director-General, will take over. United Nations circles, here tempered their optimism with caution despite the favourable trend of the negotiations in the past few days, but it is apparent that they regard the chances of agreement higher today than at any time since the conference opened.—Reuter.

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Approved By Both

With the main points of the conference settled or practically settled, the chances have grown in the past 24 hours of an agreement being signed at the weekend.

Informed circles said today that barring unforeseen hitch, the technical details should be settled by Thursday, and the main task would then be to complete the drafting agreement.
This has already been mainly done, a usually well-informed source told Reuter today. It said that 12 of the 14 articles had been approved by both sides.

Once the Israeli-Egyptian agreement is signed, the start can be set for Israeli-Transjordan talks. A high United Nations source told Reuter today that Transjordan was anxious to come to Rhodes quickly for the armistice talks and had to be warned not to come before the present talks are finished.

It is expected that there will be a gap of a few days between the two sets of negotiations to give the Israeli delegation a rest.

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ISRAELI ASSEMBLY

Jerusalem, February 15.
The Israeli Constituent Assembly, formally opened yesterday, got down to business today with the election of three committees.

These were a 19-man Standing Committee, a 17-man Mandates Committee and an 18-man "Little (Provisional) Constitution" Committee.

The "Little Constitution", embracing elements of the Constitution for every-day working, pending the drafting of a full Constitution, was read a first time this morning.

An Arab delegate, Amin Jurjura, of the Nabulus group, told the Assembly today that he hoped Israel would seek peace with her Arab neighbours.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE BUDGET INCREASE

London, February 15.

Britain will spend £759,860,000 on defence for the year 1949-50 compared with £692,600,000 for 1948-49, according to a Government White Paper published tonight. She will aim at a fighting strength of 750,000 men in 1950. The three fighting Services will have 793,000 men this April instead of 716,000 owing to conscription being extended from one year to 18 months.

The White Paper added that while more than a million recruits and National Service men had passed through the Services since demobilisation, the Services suffered from lack of men with long experience or a high degree of service skill.

Men called up this year will search into methods of counter-acting the threat from atomic and other weapons.

The financial provision for defence for 1948-49 was £692,600,000 compared with £759,860,000 for 1949-50. But supplementary estimates are due for the current year which may increase the total by £25 million and bring it much nearer to the provisional figure for 1949-50.

The key figure of the new report is the provision of £654,500,000 for the Army, Navy and Air Force, an increase of about £107,500,000 on the previous year's figure.—Reuter.

VAMPIRE JETS FOR SWISS

Bern, February 15.

The Swiss Government will ask the Federal Parliament for permission to spend about £3,000,000 in Britain to purchase 100 Vampire jet engines, spare parts and other components usually reliable sources said today.

This sum, spread over five years, is expected to enable Britain to continue to allow Swiss francs for British tourists.—Reuter.

Tel Aviv, February 15.
The Israeli authorities alleged tonight that a United Nations aircraft was fired on today over Northern Galilee. An official Israeli statement issued here said the firing came from Syrian positions East of the river Jordan near the Southern shore of Lake Huleh, at a place called Adline.—Reuter.

New Jet Fighters

This sum represents new British jet fighter types outmoding the first Comets and Vampires, the equipment of overseas squadrons, including those of the Middle East, with jets.
The whole of Britain's home squadrons have already been re-equipped with jet aircraft.

The expansion represents "go ahead" orders on naval construction at present outstanding, though not for proposed new Admiralty construction, it covers the overhauling and repair of a vast quantity of material still held from the second World War, including tanks and lorries of various kinds. It provides also for the most advanced type of scientific research into methods of counter-acting the threat from atomic and other weapons.

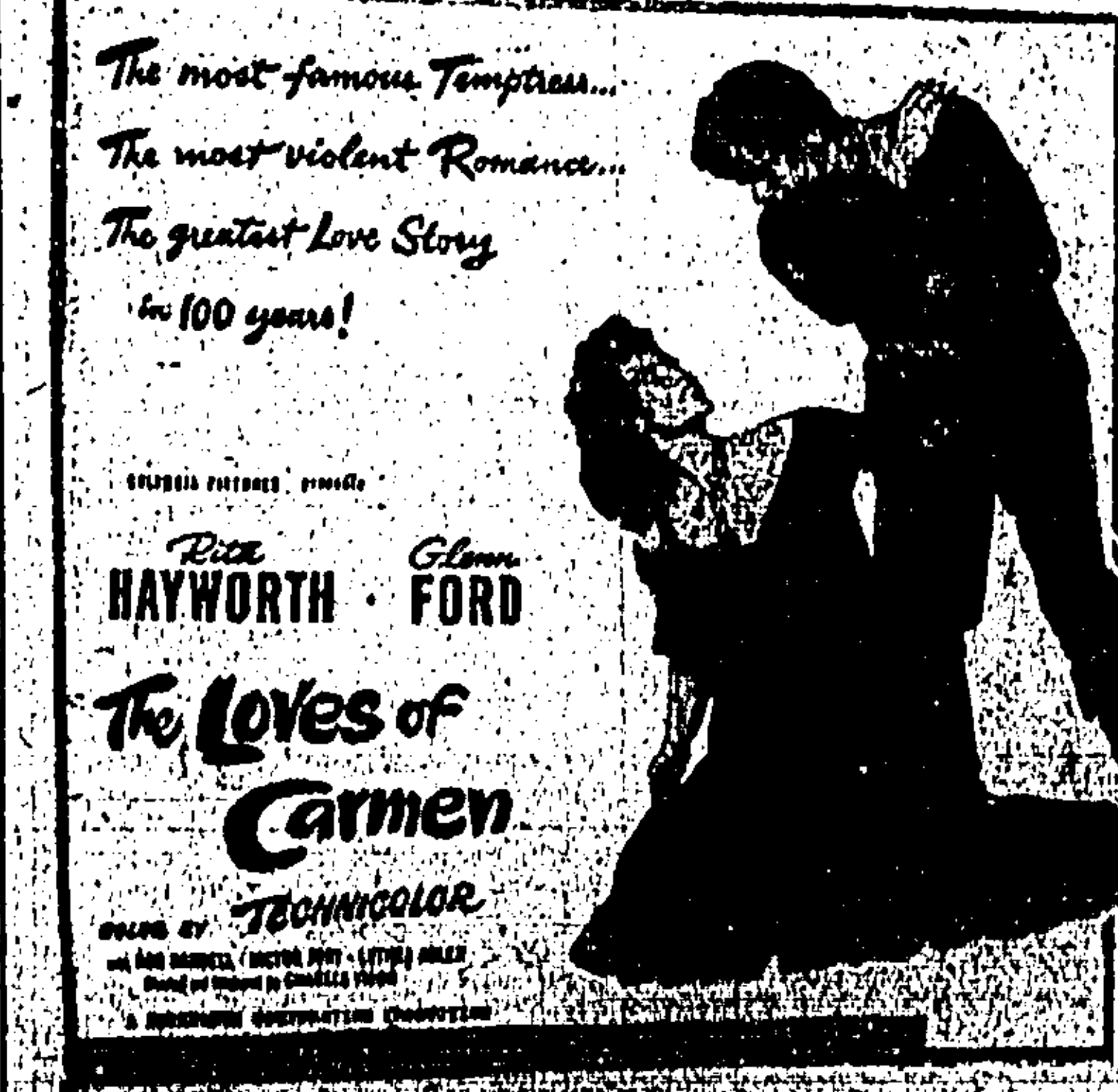
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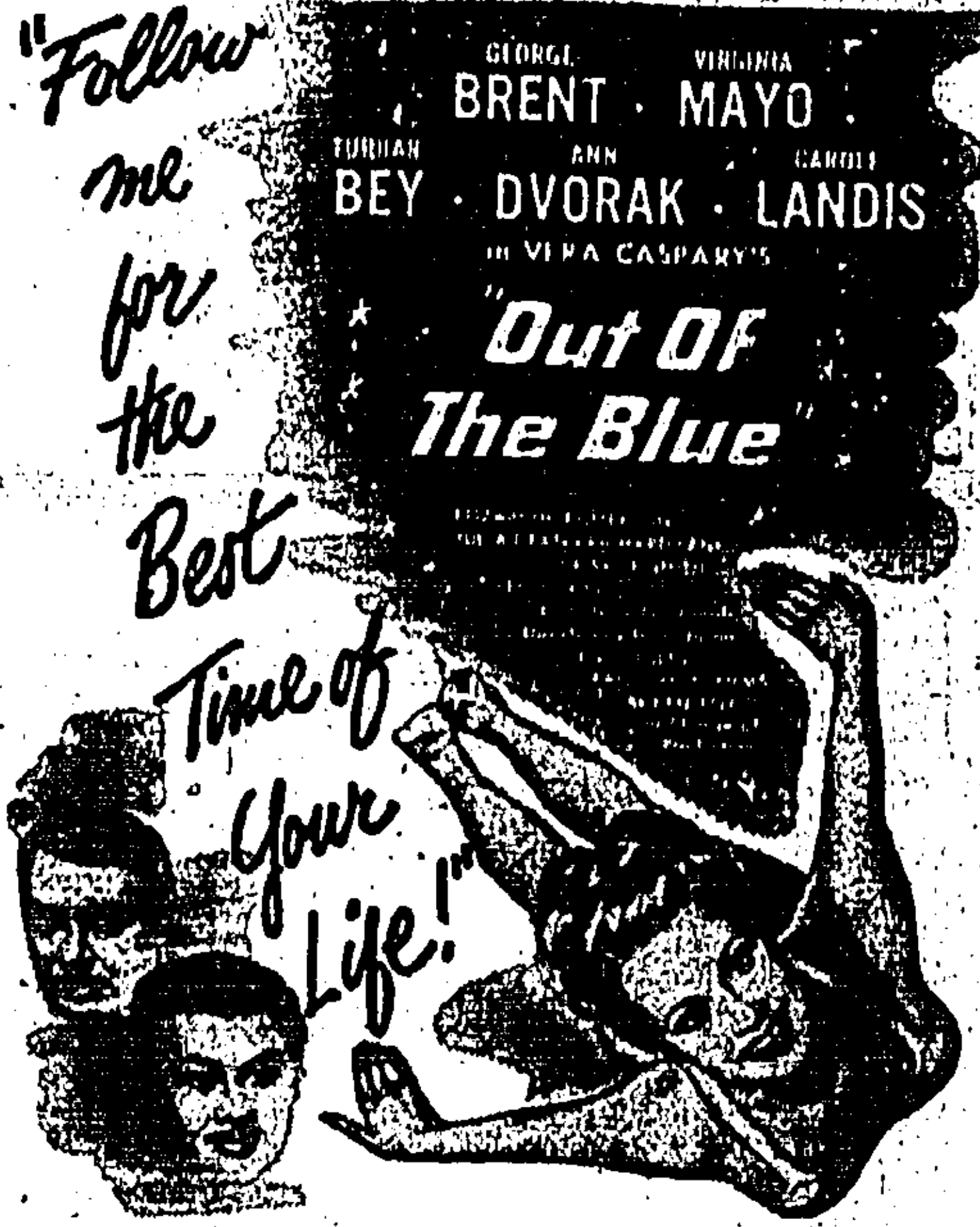


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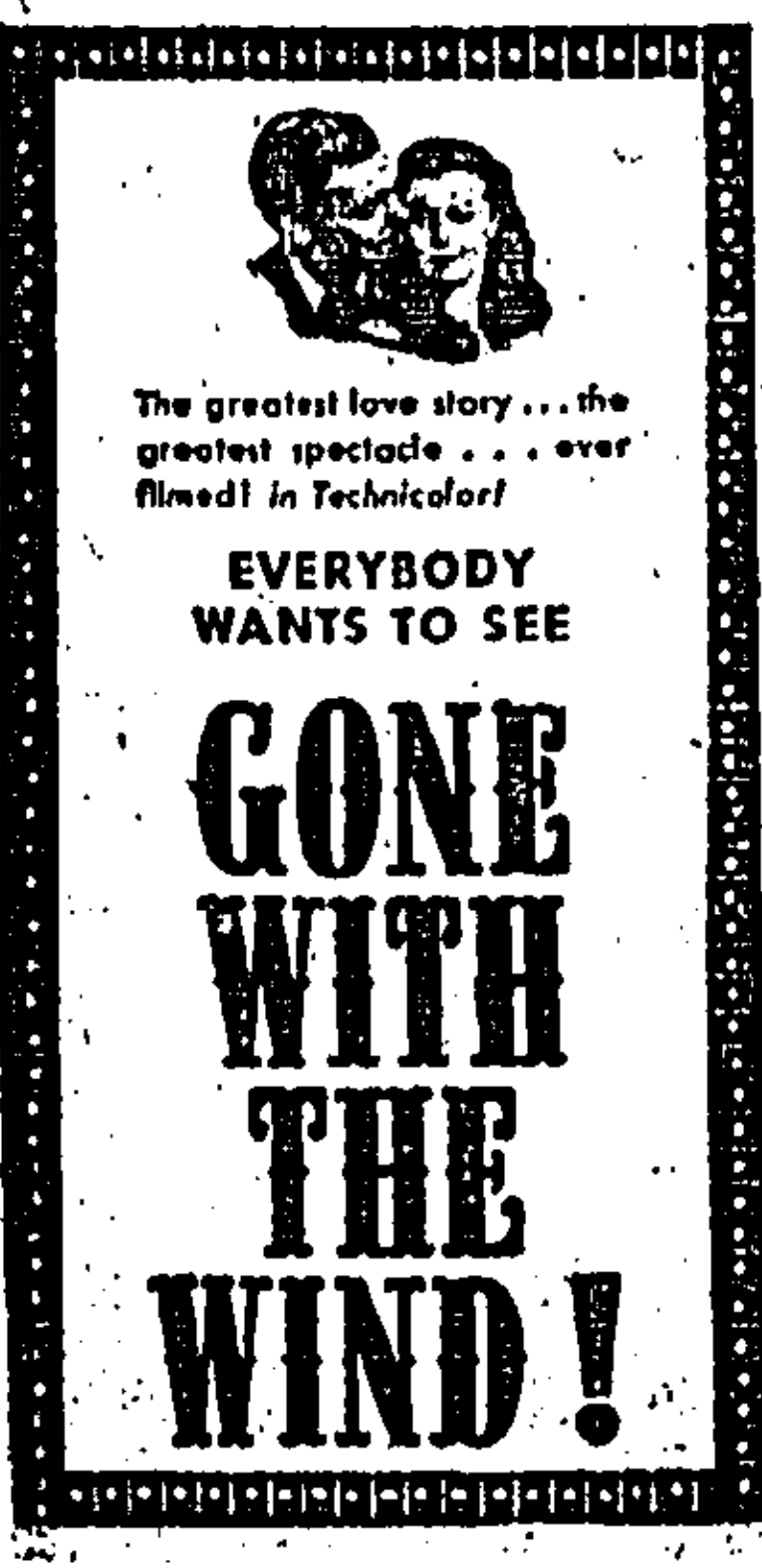
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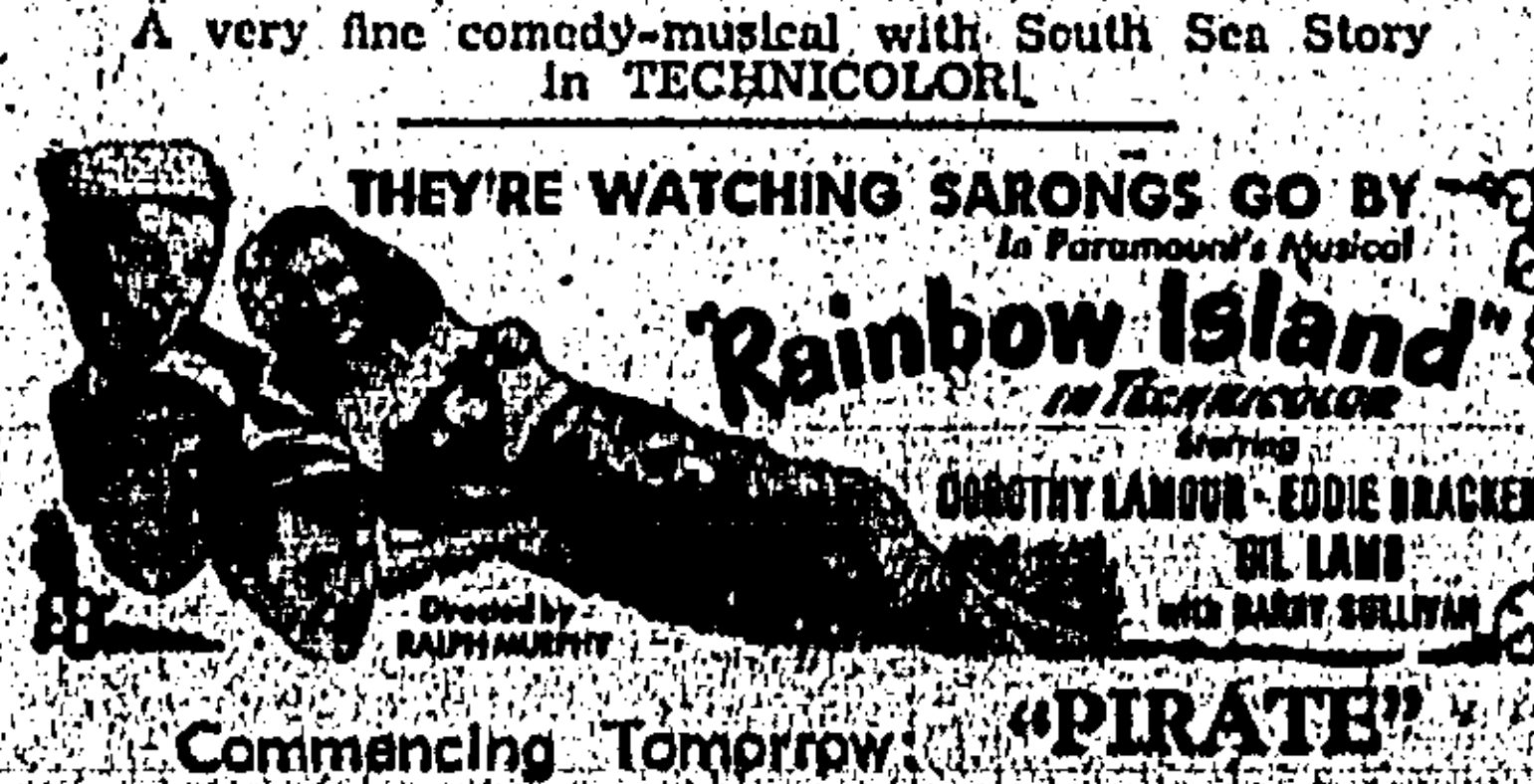
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The Fall Of France

By Winston Churchill

ON May 30 members of Lord Gort's staff in conference with Admiral Ramsay at Dover informed him that daylight on June 1, was the latest time up to which the Eastern perimeter might be expected to hold. Evacuation was therefore pressed on with the utmost urgency to ensure, so far as possible, that a British rearguard of no more than about 4,000 men would then remain ashore. Later it was found that this number would be insufficient to defend the final covering positions, and it was decided to hold the British sector until midnight June 1-2, evacuation proceeding meanwhile on the basis of full equality between French and British forces.

FREEDOM'S SLAVES

There is a lot to be said for being a fanatic; for one thing, it gives one such a cosy feeling of being utterly right all the time. Prime examples are our friends the Communists, who just know that everything under their regime is perfect (or is at least heading for perfection under the always current Five Year Plan), and that anyone from the outside world who criticises is a de-based, capitalist imperialist.

In spite of occasional suspicious leaks that everyone behind the iron curtain is not conscious of living in paradise, there can be no doubt that the average Soviet citizen believes most of the propaganda he has to swallow—having no other mental sustenance. But the top dogs—the Politburo and its immediate representatives such as ministers to foreign capitals—can be under few illusions about the facts. In the same way, millions in the Third Reich may have had little or no idea of what really went on in Dachau and Auschwitz, but no one is going to believe that Ribbentrop and Goering were equally innocent. And so with Russia.

Cabled reports from Lake Success yesterday described the Soviet delegate to the Economic and Social Council as denying furiously, bitterly and completely the documented evidence from eye-witnesses about some of Russia's forced labour camps. According to the man from Moscow, all that existed in fact were a few "corrective" colonies conducted in a praiseworthy and civilised way. Any other description, he added, was the usual vile capitalist attack on the head quarters of world freedom.

But according to persons who travelled round in Russia before escaping from its privileged borders, more than 10,000,000 miserable unfortunates are being driven to a slow death in penal battalions. Their crime—they had the wrong viewpoint. They live in conditions to which Western peoples would not subject cattle. They work fantastically long hours at hard work on a pittance of poor food—and the work may be increased and the food reduced for the slightest offences.

Whatever happened inside Russia was bad enough, but Mr. Christopher Mayhew, British under-secretary of state, now claims that the inhuman practice is spreading Westwards to other countries swallowed up by the Reds since the end of the war. As well of course, as Communist wage levels and standards of living.

As Mr. Mayhew said, if labour camps in Russian territory are conducted on humane lines, why should they be shrouded in secrecy, and guarded, and concealed even more strictly than Hitler's concentration camps? Why should not a representative body of newspaper reporters of United Nations delegates, be permitted to tour the alleged black spots? From a logical point of view, there is no answer to this. But there is no logic in fanaticism. Or perhaps there is, and justice the means and he who is not with me is against me.

London, February 16. A British spokesman today branded as "malicious rumour" reports printed in New York that Britain was prepared to occupy Cuba and Alexandria. — United Press.

some length upon what could be done to rebuild the British forces in France. Meanwhile Admiral Darlan had drafted a telegram to Admiral Acrial at Dunkirk:

Equal Terms

(1) A bridgehead shall be held round Dunkirk with the divisions under your command and those under British command. (2) As soon as you are convinced that no troops outside the bridgehead can make their way to the point of embarkation, the troops holding the bridgehead shall withdraw and embark, the British forces embarking first. I intervened at once to say that the British would not embark first, but that the evacuation should proceed on equal terms between the British and the French—"bras-dessus, bras-dessous." The British would form the rearguard. This was agreed.

The conversation next turned to Italy. I expressed the British view that if Italy came in, we should strike at her at once in the most effective manner. Many Italians were opposed to war, and all should be made to realise its severity. I proposed that we should strike by air-bombing at the North Western industrial triangle enclosed by the three cities of Milan, Turin and Genoa. Reynaud agreed that the Allies must strike at once, and Admiral Darlan said he had a plan ready for the naval and aerial bombardment of Italy's oil supplies, largely stored along the coast between the frontier and Naples. The necessary technical discussions were arranged.

I then mentioned my desire that more Ministers of the Administration I had just formed should be

A Fitting Personality

Speaking French with a perfect accent and bearing a fine wound-stripe on his sleeve, he was a personality at this moment. When Frenchmen and Englishmen are in trouble together, and arguments break out, the Frenchman is often valuable and vehement, and the Englishman unresponsive or even rude. But Spears could say things to the high French personality with an ease and equality which I have never seen equalled. This time he did not go to the Quai d'Orsay, but to M. Reynaud's room at the War Office in the rue Saint-Dominique. "Attlee and I found Reynaud and Marshal Petain opposite to us as the only French Ministers. There was the Vice-President of the Council, at any of our meetings. He wore plain clothes. Our Ambassador, Dill, Ismay and Spears were with us, and Weyland and Darlan, Captain de Margerie, head of Reynaud's private office, and the head of the Secretariat representing the French."

The first question was the position in Norway. I said that the British Government was of the considered opinion that the Narvik area should be evacuated at once. Our troops there, the destroyers, were badly wanted elsewhere. We therefore proposed an evacuation beginning on June 2. The British Navy would transport and repatriate the French forces, the King of Norway and any Norwegian troops who wished to come. Reynaud agreed, with this policy. The destroyers would be urgently required in the Mediterranean in the event of war with Italy. The 16,000 men would be very valuable on the line of the Alps and the Somme. This matter was therefore settled.

Reynaud's Tribute

I then turned to Dunkirk. The French seemed to have no more idea of what was happening to the Northern armies than we had about the main French front. When I told them that 100,000 men of whom 10,000 were French, had been taken, they were astonished. They naturally drew attention to the marked British preponderance. I explained that this was due largely to the fact that there had been many British administrative units in the back area who had been able to embark before fighting troops could be spared from the front. Moreover the French up to the present had had no orders to evacuate. One of the chief reasons why I had come to Paris was to make sure that the same orders were given to the French troops as to the British. The French divisions were holding the centre would cover the evacuation of all the allied forces. That, and the sea-transport, would be the British contribution to offset the heavy allied losses which must now be faced.

His Majesty's Government had felt it necessary in the circumstances to order Lord Gort to take off fighting troops and leave the wounded behind. If present hopes were confirmed, 200,000 able-bodied troops might be set away. This would be almost a miracle. The world has never seen such a concentration of troops. Upon our terrible losses in Dunkirk, we have been able to build up the work of the British Navy and Air Force, which has

and slaves for ever. It would be better far that the civilisation of Western Europe with all its achievements should come to a tragic but splendid end than that the two great democracies should linger on, stripped of all that made life worth living. Mr. Attlee then said that he entirely agreed with my view. The British people now realise the danger with which they are faced, and know that in the event of a German victory everything they have built up will be destroyed. The Germans kill not only men, but ideas. Our people are resolved as never before in their history."

Petain's Mood

Reynaud thanked us for what we had said. He was sure that the morale of the German people was not up to the level of the momentary triumph of their army. If France could hold the Somme with the help of Britain and the American industry came in to make good the disparity in arms, then we could be sure of victory. He was most grateful, he said, for my renewed assurance that if one country went under the other would not abandon the struggle. The formal meeting then ended. After we rose from the table some of the principals talked together in the bay window in a somewhat different atmosphere. Chief among these was Marshal Petain. Spears was with me helping me out with my French and speaking "himself." The young Frenchman, Captain de Margerie, had already spoken about fighting it out in Africa. But Marshal Petain's attitude, detached and sombre, gave me the feeling that he would face a separate peace.

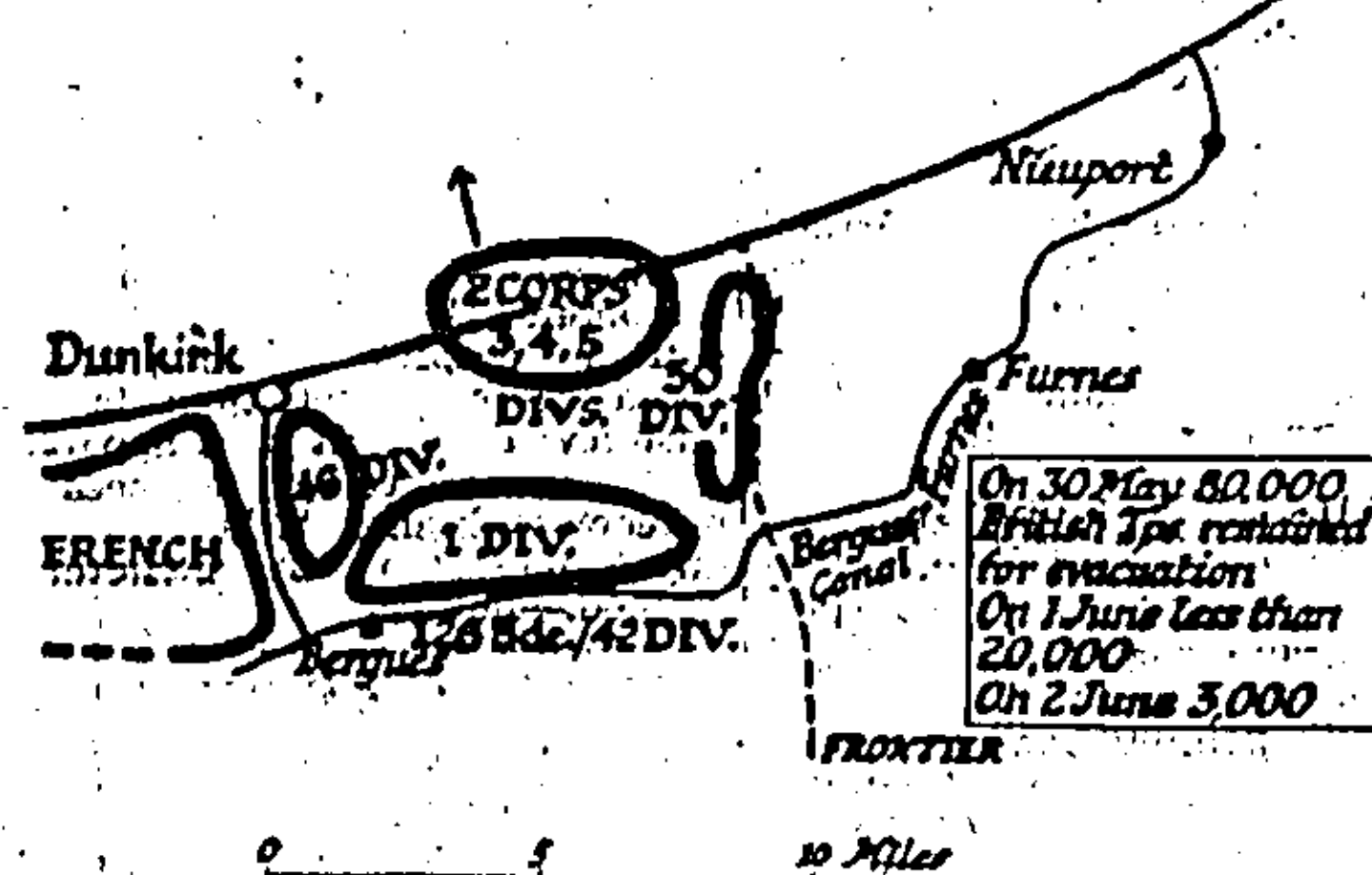


Diagram of DUNKIRK PERIMETER 31 May & 1 June

come acquainted with their French opposite numbers as soon as possible. Our instance, I should like to say, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Bevin, the Minister of Labour, was almost overpowering to those under his spell. One of the Frenchmen, I cannot remember who, said in their polished way that a continuance of military reverses might in certain eventualities force a modification of foreign policy upon France. Here Spears rose to the occasion, and addressing himself particularly to Marshal Petain said in perfect French: "I suppose you understand, Mr. le Maréchal, that would mean blockades? Some one else said: 'That would perhaps be inevitable.'"

But then Spears to Petain's face. "That would not only mean blockades but bombardment of all French ports in German hands." I was glad to have this said. I sang my usual song: "we would fight on whatever happened or where we fell out."

No Giving Up

After some talk about Tanager and the importance of keeping Spain out of the war, I spoke on the general outlook. "I must maintain an unflinching front against all these enemies. The United States had been roused by recent events, and even if they did not enter the war, would soon be prepared to give us powerful aid. An invasion of England, if it took place, would have a still more profound effect on the United States. England did not fear invasion, and would resist it most fiercely in every village and hamlet. It was only after her essential need of troops had been met that the balance of her armed forces could be put at the disposal of her French ally."

I was absolutely convinced we had only to carry on the fight to conquer. "Even if one of us should be struck down the other must not abandon the struggle. The British Government were prepared to wage war from the New World, through some disaster. England herself would stand. Other ally or not, we would give no mercy; we should be reduced to the status of vassals."

The Climax

May 31 and June 1 saw the climax though not the end at Dunkirk. On those two days over 132,000 men were safely landed in England, nearly one-third of them having been brought from the beaches in small craft under fierce air attack and shell fire. On June 1 from early dawn onwards the enemy bombers made their greatest efforts often timed when our own fighters had withdrawn to refuel. These attacks took heavy toll of the crowded shipping, which suffered almost as much as in all the previous week. On this single day our losses by air attack, by mines, by bombs or other inadvertent means were 31 ships sunk and 11 damaged.

The final phase was carried through with much skill and precision. For the first time it became possible to plan ahead instead of being forced to rely on hourly improvisations. At dawn on June 2 about 4,000 British with heavy anti-aircraft guns and 12 anti-tank guns remained with the considerable French forces holding the contracting perimeter of Dunkirk. Evacuation was now possible only in darkness, and Admiral Ramsay determined to make a massed descent on the harbour that night with all his available resources. Besides large and small craft, 44 ships were sent that evening from England, including 11 destroyers and 14 minesweepers. Forty French and Belgian vessels also participated. Before midnight the British rearguard was embarked.

This was not, however, the end of the Dunkirk story. We had been prepared to carry considerable numbers of French that night that had offered themselves. The result was that when our ships, many of them still empty, had to withdraw at dawn, 30,000 French troops, many still in contact with the enemy, remained ashore. One more effort had to be made. Despite the exhaustion of ships' companies after so many days without rest or respite, the call was answered. On June 4, 20,175 Frenchmen were landed in England, over 21,000 of them in British ships. Finally, at 2.23 p.m. that day the Admiralty in agreement with the French announced that "Operation Dynamo" was completed.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

U.S. Ban On Materials For Russia

Geneva, February 15. The United States was reported today to have declined to deliver "strategic materials" to the Soviet Union, but to have offered a great increase in East-West trade in other materials.

Mr. Paul Porter, the United States' delegate, was stated to have told a secret meeting of the 23 Eastern and Western European countries here that the United States did not maintain its refusal to deliver certain "strategic" materials to the Soviet Union, "because of other countries' regard for their own interests."

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Police have to build own radio set from spares to reach Macao. Nothing... Follows!

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Telling him the things to do. Then back to London town they go.

But do they send some dough? No, no! (What, it seems, Lord Baldwin lacks.)

Is a Business Profits Tax?

So they are still rattling the shilleagh, there in Eire.

Only prayer can save China, says Madame Chiang. But will the Reds prove AMENable?

The cold war has now spread to Antarctica. Show us to Stalin, though.

The Gates of Heaven are closed by a strike, says U.S. cable. Well, it's an ill wind that blows no place a soul.

Moscow marriage miasma. "The Voice" that Breathes over Sweden!

A wolf lounging in a hotel lobby peered up when an attractive young woman passed by. When his standard come-on brought nothing more than a furtive glance, he screamed.

"Pardon me, I thought you were my mother."

"I couldn't be," she iced, "I'm married."

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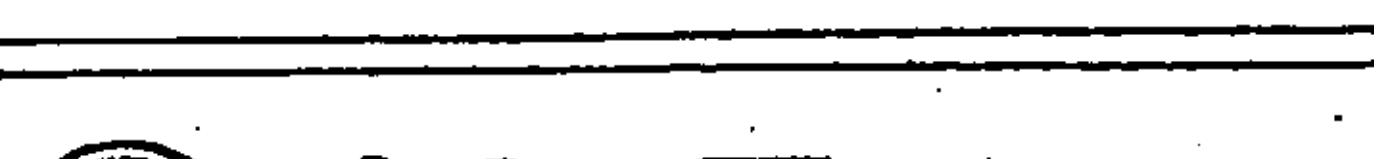
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Debate On Russia

Labour Slaves Perish Behind Iron Curtain Ten Million In Concentration Camps

Lake Success, February 16.

The United Nations received testimony yesterday that labour slaves are dying by hundreds of thousands each year from beatings and starvation in Russia.

The testimony was taken in affidavit form by the American Federation of Labour from former inmates of slave labour camps and laid before the Economic and Social Council.

The United States is backing the AFL expose with a resolution calling on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to investigate slave labour.

Mr. Willard L. Thorp, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, stated that the U.S. government is determined to permit ILO people behind the iron curtain for a look at labour conditions.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Smen-K. Tsarapkin, denied the charges yesterday. He countered with the claim that the United States enslaved labour by such measures as the Taft-Hartley Law.

Mr. Tsarapkin declared that the real purpose of the U.S. proposal was to allow American intelligence to study (Soviet) areas about which they have insufficient information.

The Russian called the AFL document "a dirty pamphlet elaborated by the State Department from which the AFL takes its orders."

The charges by the AFL and the U.S. government, he said, were intended as a smoke screen to divert attention from what he called serfdom in American labour.

One of the most graphic descriptions was contained in a statement by Mr. Julius Margolin, Polish author, who now lives in Israel.

He estimated that a minimum of 10,000,000 persons were in Russian concentration camps in the Soviet Union. He said deaths in these camps run into the hundreds of thousands every year.

"We may assume, that in these camps of the USSR, from the time they were established, no fewer died than were killed by Hitler," Mr. Margolin said.

The inhuman practice of forced labour is spreading westwards following the Hammer and Sickle, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, British Under-Secretary of State, said.

He asked why forced labour camps were kept so secret if, as the Soviets claim, there is no mass forced labour, but merely a few corrective labour camps.

He added: "The inhuman practice of forced labour is now spreading beyond the boundaries of the Soviet Union. We see the evil growing in Czechoslovakia, in Bulgaria, and in the Soviet Zone of Germany. We see now that forced labour is not an exclusive Russian phenomenon. It belongs to the practice of Communism in several countries."

"In Czechoslovakia, no attempt is made to disguise the fact that forced labour camps now exist. Before October 28, 1948, he said, some 170,000 Sudetenlanders who had remained in Czechoslovakia were known to have been sent to forced labour camps, mainly in Eastern Czechoslovakia. Some were deported to the Soviet Union."

Idlers' Camps

"I am not suggesting to the Council that forced labour in Czechoslovakia has yet reached the full scale and the full horror of forced labour in Soviet Russia," but the seed is there and all experience suggests that the evil will grow," added Mr. Mayhew.

In Bulgaria, he said, the established labour educational communities and idlers' camps. The idlers' camps are the milder form of concentration camps, involving six months' sentences of heavy manual labour.

"In the labour educational communities, chiefly for local prisoners and in which the sentence is nominally limited to one year, conditions are extremely harsh and the heavy and unhealthy work often results in death."

"Severe punishment for slight offences is the rule, and there is far too little food, medical facilities and other amenities."

"In the Soviet Zone of Germany, both the concentration camps and the Nazi technique have been taken over and improved on. Research undertaken a year ago indicated that the German concentration camp population was close to 100,000."

"There are, we have reason to believe, 200,000 to 300,000 prisoners in the Nazi concentration camps. The U.S. State Department reports that nearly 40,000 prisoners in Buchenwald in April, 1947, were sent to forced labour camps."

Intense Hunger

"The reports comment on the intense hunger and cold, great overcrowding and almost universal incidence of disease brought on by malnutrition and insanitary living conditions."

"The camps described are prison camps at Bautzen, Jarmitz and Buchenwald, and the MVD prisons at Pirna, Dresden and Muehlberg, the latter with 30,000 inmates."

"How is it possible to reconcile the figure of just under 1,000,000 German prisoners-of-war in the Soviet Union, given by Mr. Molotov to the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow in 1947, with the huge numbers listed in Soviet communiques during the war amounting to approximately 3,740,000 men?"

False Contracts

"If we say that 500,000 of these Germans were Austrians and Volksdeutsche, and also allow for deaths since the capitulation, the figures of Germans returned from Soviet camps still leave large numbers unaccounted for."

"There must be in all almost 2,000,000 Germans doing something in the Soviet Union. Many German prisoners-of-war released from the Western Zones have been sent to the USSR for forced labour, as well as some 175,000 German civilians enticed by false contracts."

"The defence of the Soviet delegate is that there is no mass forced labour in the Soviet Union, but there are merely a few corrective labour camps, conducted in a praiseworthy civilised way."

Absolute Secrecy

"Sufficient evidence is already available to the free world regarding the size and extent of these camps and the conditions which exist in them to refute this argument."

"Moreover, we are bound to ask, if the argument is true, why are the camps kept so secret? It is open at any time to the Soviet Government to prove its case by letting the world see the true conditions which exist."

"If these camps are relatively small, humanely conducted, corrective camps, why are they shrouded in such absolute secrecy?"

Japan Policy Criticised LABOUR REFORMS ARE CHAOTIC

New York, February 16.

Mr. James Lee Kauffman, New York Corporation lawyer who visited Japan recently as a member of a State Department mission, said yesterday that many fundamental mistakes are being made in the occupation of Japan.

He lived in Japan from 1913 to 1926 and is a member of the firm of Melvor, Kauffman, Smith and Yamamoto, with offices in New York and Tokyo.

He told the Export Managers' Club of New York that policy made in Washington was based on "ignorance" and has resulted in the almost total destruction of Japan's economy by the occupation government.

Handle Own Problems

Mr. Kauffman proposed that the United States:

1. Turn the Japanese economy back to the Japanese and make them responsible for their own country. "These people know how to handle their own labour problems and commercial problems," he said.
2. Retain an army in Japan to maintain law and order, plan for defence and do other customary military duties.

He said labour laws put into effect in Japan contain reforms the Japanese people do not want and do not know how to use. This has resulted in chaos.

Mr. Kauffman said that occupation planners were led into fundamental mistakes by lack of knowledge of conditions in Japan, where 80,000,000 people live in a small area with no natural resources. The war deprived Japan of her yen-trading bloc and her raw materials, he added.

Must Have Money

"If Japan is to buy from us she must have money," Mr. Kauffman said, adding that Japan was an excellent customer before the war of the United States. "No nation is valuable as an export market unless that country itself has export power."

Mr. Kauffman said abolition of the Zaibatsu was a mistake that was deliberate and not based on ignorance, like the labour laws were. Through this move the Japanese economy was deprived of the best business brains of Japan. (The Zaibatsu was the controlling business and industry group in Japan), he added.

"You can have either 80,000,000 friends there or 80,000,000 recruits for the Soviet," Mr. Kauffman said.

If We Fail

He quoted General Robert E. Hain, a former American Commander in Japan, as having said that although he hated the Japanese during the war, he found they could fight and in six months had built up a fighting force of 1,000,000 men.

"We can have this Japanese force with us or against us, in the struggle against the Soviet," Mr. Kauffman said. "If we fail in Japan as we have done in China, we will find the Soviets on our Hawaiian doorstep, and I am informed there are quite a number of Hawaiians ready to greet them."

Associated Press.

Tehran, February 15.

The first telephone link between Tehran and Buenos Aires was inaugurated today by the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Eduardo de Maril.

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Greek Guerilla Defeat

Athens, February 15.

American observers said today that the Greek Army made its most promising effort so far in the civil war by driving back the guerrilla force which attacked Florina last week.

The sources hazarded the opinion that it was the worst defeat yet inflicted on the guerrillas. The Government claimed 600 dead, 300 captured and more than 1,200 injured. This would account for more than half the guerrilla striking force, which was estimated at 4,000 troops.

Military observers said much of the credit should go to General Alexander Papagos, now Generalissimo of the Greek armed forces.

General Papagos took over last month, the guerrillas dead from the General Staff in a drastic shake-up.

There was also speculation that the dismissal of Communist General Markos had contributed to the guerrilla defeat.

EIRE INTENDS TO STAY OUT

Washington, February 15.

Eire intends to stay out of the proposed Atlantic Pact so long as Northern Ireland remains a part of Britain, the Eire delegation said here today.

The Legation said in a statement that British control of Northern Ireland, in relation to military co-operation with the Atlantic Powers, created an "unacceptable" difficulty from the strategic and political point of view.

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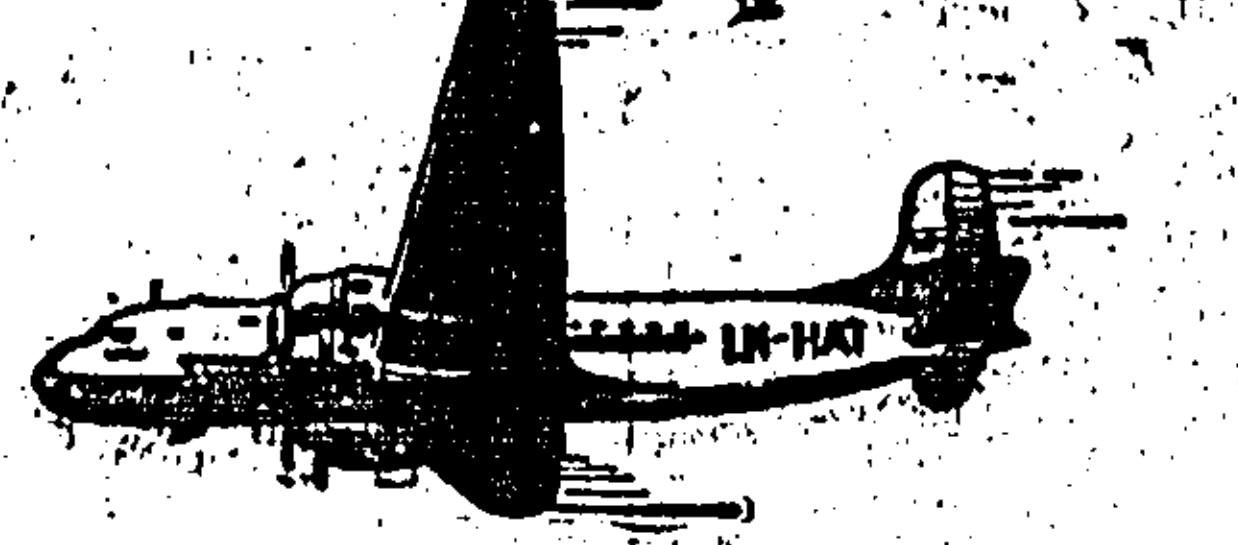
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TOKYO REPORTS CAME FROM ARMY SECRETARY

Washington, February 15.

The Post, in an editorial, attributed to Secretary of Army Mr. Kenneth Royall, the view reported in Tokyo dispatches that the Far East is secondary in importance to Europe in the United States strategy.

The Post said: Army officials in Washington have denied that Mr. Royall made any such statement though newsmen in Tokyo have provided chapter and verse by way of rebuttal.

The Japanese are naturally concerned because they feel that they will be left in the lurch in a time of emergency. General MacArthur seems to have allowed it to be inferred that SCAP is in profound disagreement with Royall.

The editorial said the view that the Far East rates priority or even equal with Europe in strategic consideration has "never made sense."

It said: "This view is based on the same misconception about numbers and organization which cost us a lot of prestige and leadership when it governed the policy on the Middle East."

The Orient has numbers but little horsepower and less organization. Europe has all three in abundance. Not only is Europe the second-most important industrial complex in the world, it is the very fount of Western civilization, the area where freedom still reigns, the part of the world against which international Communism and Soviet imperialism have mobilized themselves."

"The editorial added: 'Surely, these facts are decisive. Two hundred and seventy million people in Western Europe believe in our way of life and when they have recovered their vitality they are most likely to be on our side in the worldwide struggle for it. In these circumstances, the most prudent course for our statesmanship is to concentrate on Western Europe.'

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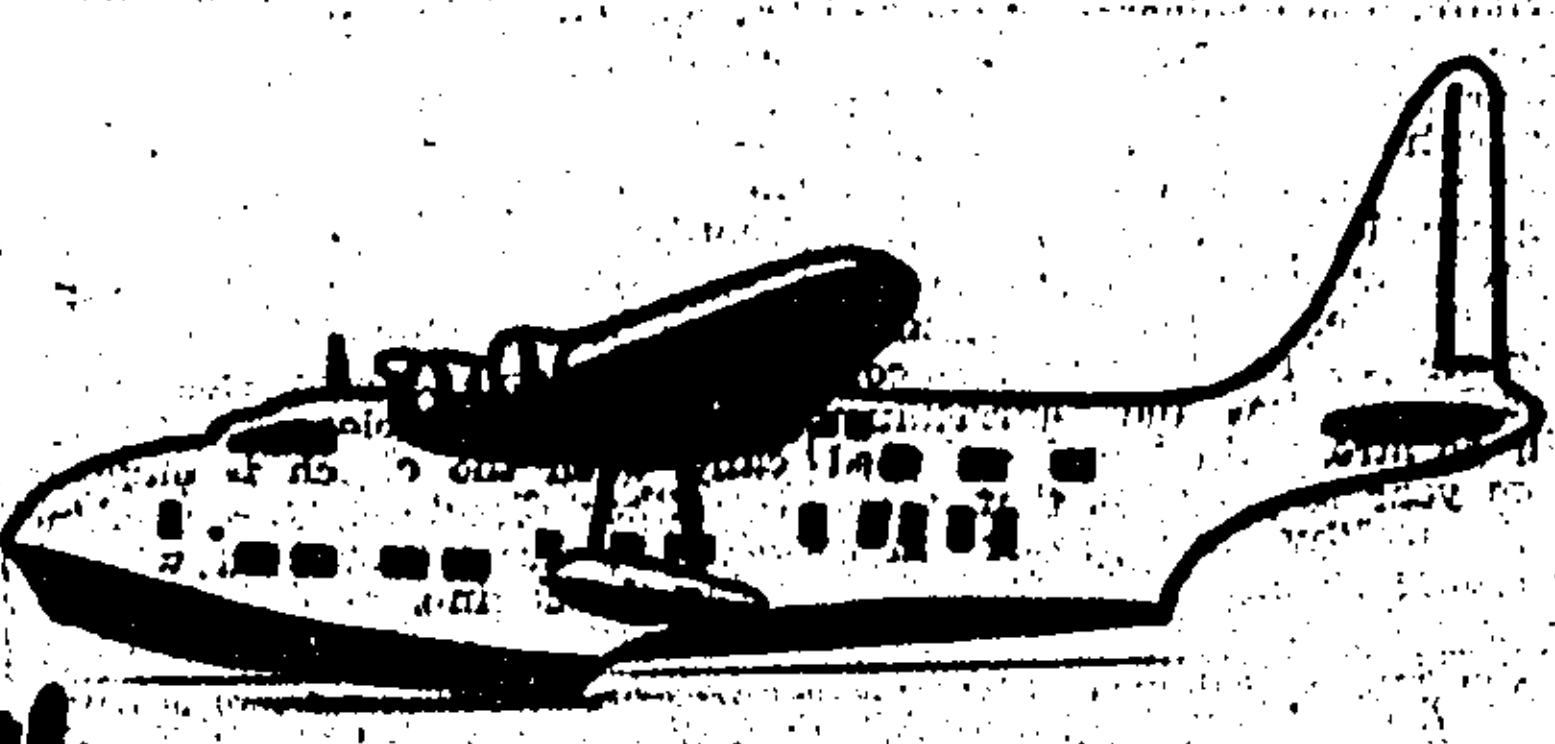
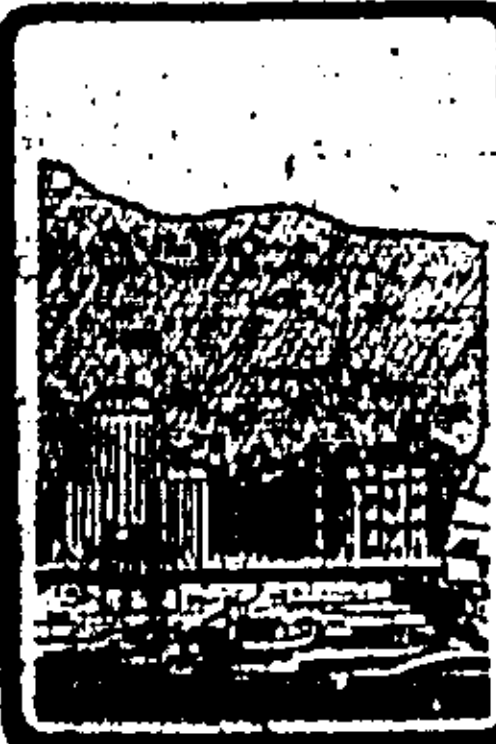
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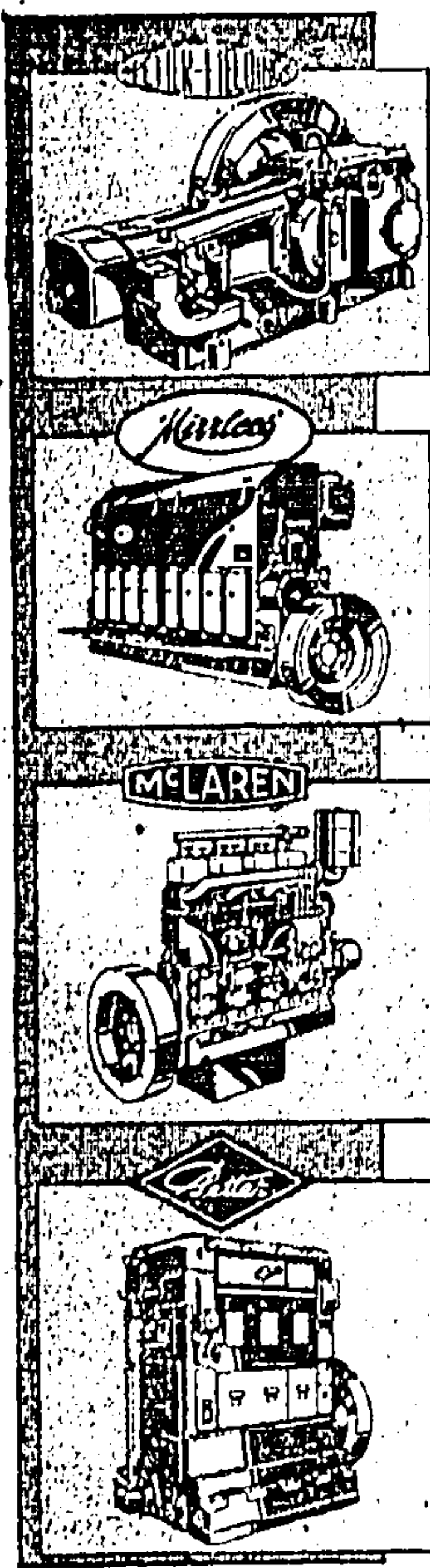
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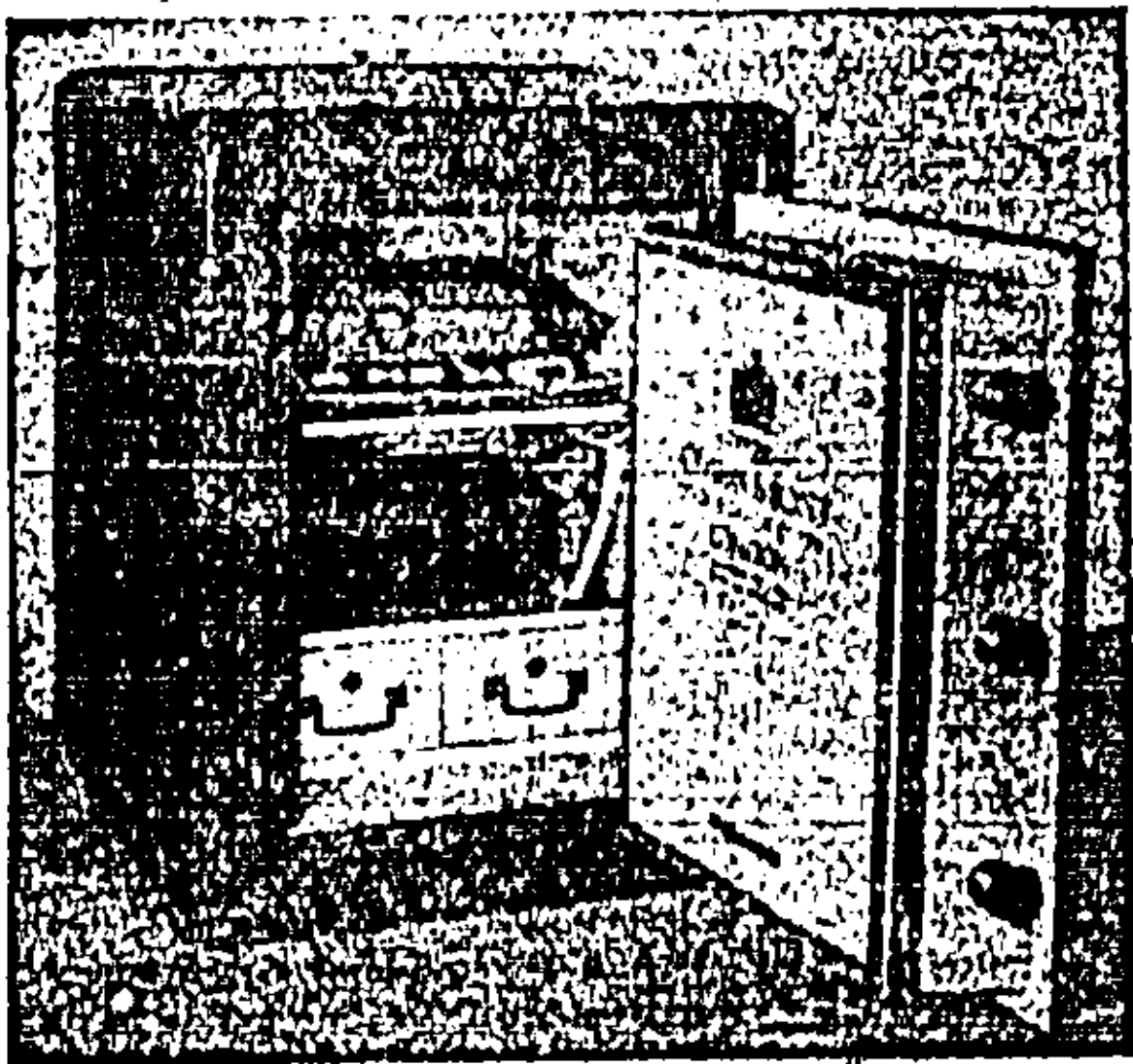
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A MILITARY SCIENCE COLLEGE

On the wall in the Library of Beckett House, Shrivvenham, Berkshire, in Southern England, is a plaque bearing these words:—
"Presented by Staff and Faculty of Shrivvenham American University to the British Army in commemoration of the University's residence at Shrivvenham Barracks August 1 to December 5, 1945."

Now, in these same buildings, the British Army has created its own University with a student population of some four hundred officers. This Military College of Science will have the role of educating officers in pure science and technology so that they may be capable of appreciating the scientist's and engineer's problems in relation to the technological aspects of war. It will also train officers to apply their military knowledge and experience to these problems, so that they may later advise on the design and development of military material.

The College has two major functions. To give a university training in engineering or the natural sciences to young officers who have recently graduated from the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, and also to instruct more senior officers in military technology in order to qualify them for appointments in the Ministry of Supply or in Technical Staff Officers in the Army itself.

The young officers are drawn principally from the Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and they require a university training in order that they may be fully qualified officers of their respective corps. They include, however, a number of officers from other arms, notably Royal Armoured Corps and Royal Artillery who have scientific leanings and who are destined in future to take their part in the development of the material of their respective arms.

The intake of officers at the Military College is about 90 a year. The course lasts two years during which the officers take the examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Science, London University.

Suitable Educational Background

The second course is the Technical Staff Course, also lasting two years, with an intake of about 75 officers annually. These are selected from all arms of the British and Dominion armies, to whom are added a few officers from the United States Army who are very welcome. The British officers must have a suitable education, background, and must qualify by sitting for an entrance examination. Since the age bracket for the course is 27-32, this means that many officers have virtually to return to school in order to prepare themselves for the examination in mathematics and physics. The first year of the course deals with fundamental science together with instruction in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. During the second year, the application of engineering theory and practice to weapon technology is taught—using the word "weapon" in its widest sense. This part of the course includes the principles of design. Illustrations of the application of these principles to practice is given by reference to examples of typical equipments, both British and foreign. Graduates are awarded the symbols "p.t.a.c." which denotes "passed technical Staff Course."

These officers are intended to be the link between the soldier "user" and the engineer and scientist. They understand the language of both and can use their military experience and engineering knowledge to ensure that the weapons provided for the Army are those which the soldier requires. They will not be limited throughout their service to technical work, but will return to regimental duty from time to time in order not to lose touch with the soldier's point of view. Furthermore the officers are to be considered as equally eligible, with graduates from the Staff College at Camberley, for

appointment to War Office and Army staffs, and, in particular, to the higher appointments dealing with weapon development and procurement.

Post-Graduate Studies

It is important for the academic health of the College, that its activities should not be limited to these two courses. Capacity is reserved for post-graduate studies in specialist subjects such as telecommunications and servo motors which the College is particularly well qualified to teach.

According to University custom in Britain, it is rightly expected that the professional staff should have both time and facilities to pursue private research. Not only are these provided, but the College is in a position to undertake more formal research contracts for the Ministry of Supply and other external organisations.

The College has been equipped with the most modern apparatus available, including such equipment as wind tunnels and differential analyzers. In addition to the normal laboratory equipment there is a wide range of modern artillery and infantry weapons, searchlights, radar, fighting vehicles, communications equipment, and an experimental ballistics range. For research purposes many of the professional staff have their own personal laboratories.

The College is both a University and a military institution. This is reflected in its combined civil and military educational staff.

The four faculties of Mathematics and Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering and Instrument Technology are each directed by an eminent professor, who has under him two more branches staffed by civilian associate professors and lecturers. They College does not yet possess a faculty of Civil Engineering. The faculties are responsible both for the young officers' courses and for the technical staff course.

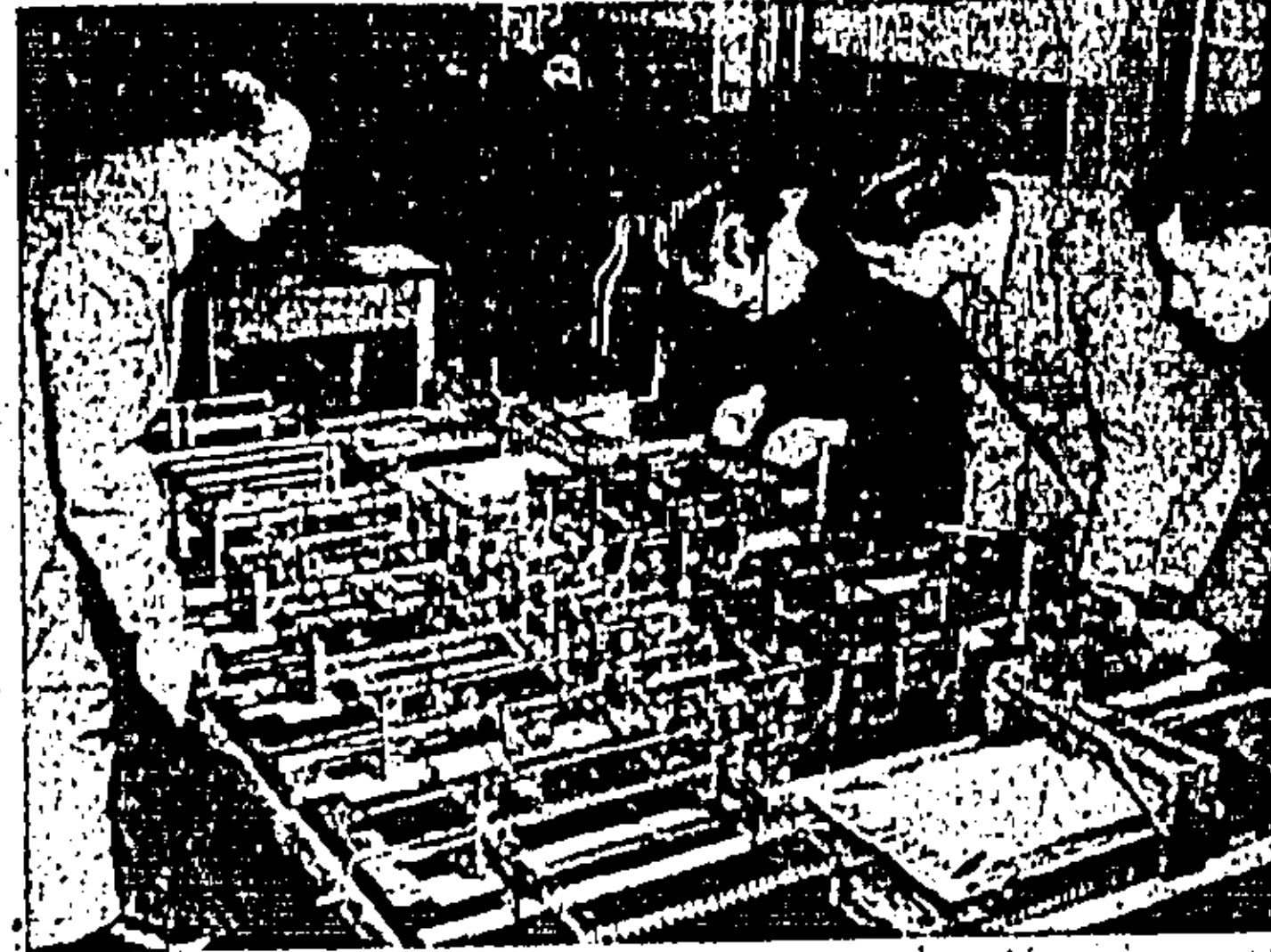
The three military Directors of Study (Colonels), with their small staff of technical staff officers, are outside the civil faculty organisation and are responsible for military application in the Technical Staff Course and, in general, to ensure that the work of the faculties is biased, where bias is needed, towards the needs of military technology.

Study Groups and Panels

The study of military technology is conducted by way of ad hoc Study Groups and Panels under the direction of the appropriate Military Director of Studies and instructional staff. Each group or panel is assigned, for the time being, to the study of one of such subjects as air defence, communications, automotive transport, ammunition, tropicalisation and lubrication. Expert representatives of the War Office, Ministry of Supply, War Army Schools and other establishments frequently attend group and panel meetings which are thus a fruitful means of spreading a common doctrine.

The College is commanded by a Major-General and it has been particularly fortunate in its first post-war Commandant, Major-General J. D. Shapland, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., who had a distinguished war record in Burma. In December 1948, when he was transferred to the British Army on the Rhine as Major-General J. C. Administration, he was succeeded by Major-General W. J. Eldridge, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. General Eldridge has had a wide experience in high appointments in the War Office, and was Director-General of Artillery at the Ministry of Supply and in fighting service in France in World War I and in Anti-Aircraft Command and in Italy in the recent war.

The College has been equally fortunate in its Dean, Dr. C. H. Lander who is the head of the civil professional staff. He was formerly a Professor of Engineering in London University and is an acknowledged expert on fuels. The Army Council is advised in matters of policy regarding the



Britain's military university uses a differential analyser (above) made from Meccano parts, to solve in minutes problems which would otherwise take the mathematician days of computation.

Army Radio Contact Makes Advances

Advances since World War II in Army communications were recently shown to the Forces, the radio and electrical industry, and to a limited public at Britain's Signal Research and Development Establishment, Christchurch, Hampshire. An outstanding example of the results of scientific research and engineering development in collaboration with industry is the latest infantry portable Wireless equipment, the No. 88. During the demonstrations four sets were shown. One was carried in a tank, the other in a helicopter, while the third and fourth were carried on the chests of two infantry men. All sets gave instantaneous communication with the control. The set enabled an enemy stronghold to be taken with the help of smoke and armour, and a cast to be evacuated by air. The set weighs 11 pounds, and has a range of a mile-and-a-half over normal ground. The 88, like the modern Army receiver, the R.209, can also work under water.

Code Modulation

There is also a remarkable improvement on the type of code modulation used between Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery in the Western Desert of Africa and London. Any interference can be reduced to a minimum by "pulse code modulation," which breaks speech into telegraph signals and transmits the result as a series of on-off

pulses. These are decoded into speech instantaneously. Another new development is a multi-channel radio link which can be used to bridge a gap in cables caused by mountains or swamps. Conversations were carried on between the Signal Research and Development Establishment and surprised holiday-makers in the Isle of Wight, off the Hampshire coast, who were chosen at random to reply.

Then there is a new type of rocket for research in peace-time. In the three-foot long nose of the rocket there is a new broadcasting system which puts out 23 "programmes" simultaneously. Each transmission gives details of the behaviour of the rocket as it shoots through space. At the receiving end the signals draw a luminous picture of what is going on in and round the rocket.

New Types Of Dumpers

London, January 20.

To meet demands both in Britain and overseas, the engineering firm of Aveling-Barford Ltd. (31A, Sloane Street, London, S.W.1, England) has extended its range of products, and the latest, a 135 horsepower dumper of nine cubic yards capacity, will be in full production by June, 1949. The company has had two prototypes under test in Northern Ireland for 18 months, which have more than fulfilled the manufacturer's hopes.

At the other end of the dumper range, the company introduced one of ½ cubic yard capacity. This is designed chiefly for the building industry, but has a wide variety of uses in the carrying of light loads. Here again, production has been started only after gruelling tests of prototypes. Twenty-four of these dumpers have been in use for 18 months.

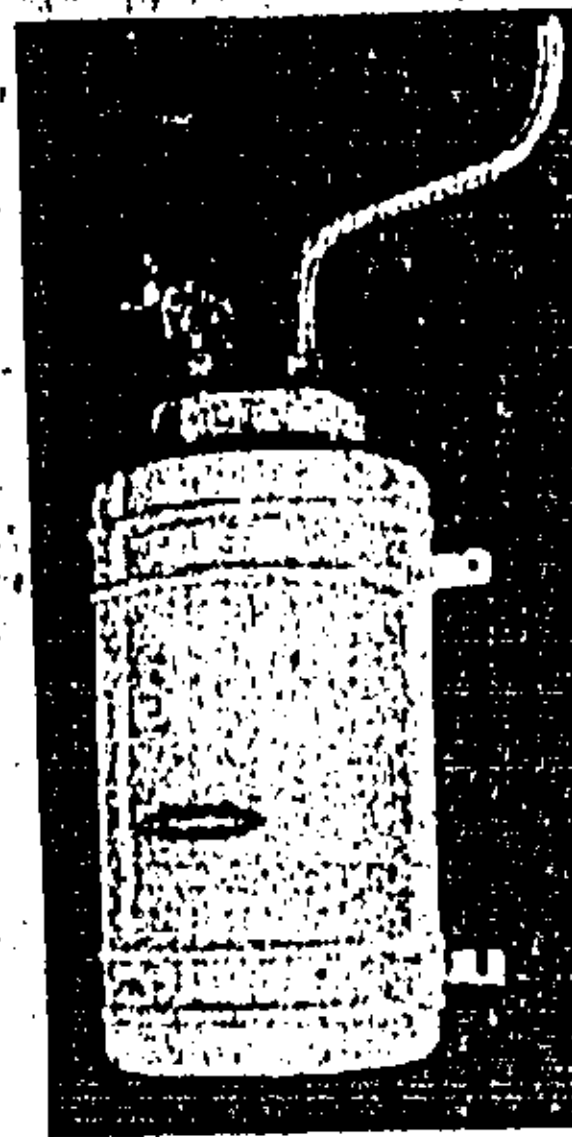
The new range of dumpers includes a power-driven pedestrian controlled dumping transporter. It is fitted with three wheels. As a consequence, it is exceptionally manoeuvrable, the turning circle having a radius of only 5 feet 6 inches. On soft ground it can carry a load of 10 hundredweight, and up to one ton on hard smooth ground. When carrying a load of 12 hundredweight it can negotiate a gradient of one in four. Its air-cooled petrol engine develops 3.85 brake horsepower, and average petrol consumption is one gallon for each five hours of work. The machine is controlled by a single lever, which operates both the clutch and transmission brake, the brake being released automatically when the clutch is engaged in either direction. The machine can also be manoeuvred without using the engine.

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KRAVCHENKO ACCUSES SOVIET GENERAL

Paris, February 15.

The Russian refugee author, Vithor Victor Kravchenko, today turned angrily on a Soviet general and accused him of having helped the Germans in 1930.

Kravchenko made his charge after Lieutenant General Leonid Rudenko, his wartime boss in Washington, denounced him as a war criminal.

Rudenko said that Kravchenko's desertion of his post with the wartime Soviet Purchasing Commission was used by the Nazis in their attempts to get Russian soldiers on the Eastern front to lay down their arms.

An unknown man was expelled from the Palais de Justice here today for having shouted insults at pro-Soviet witnesses in the Kravchenko libel case, the police said tonight.

Threatened With Knife
Earlier, a Communist deputy, Mr. Fernand Granger, a witness at the trial, told a reporter that a man had threatened Madame Zinaida

General Rudenko, who headed the Soviet Purchasing Mission to Washington which Kravchenko left when he renounced his Soviet citizenship, told the court he had intended to send Kravchenko home because he showed an "unconscious attitude" and "arrived for work drunk."

Appealed Several Times
Kravchenko shouted "lies," General Rudenko said. "I consider Kravchenko a traitor to his country, a war criminal and a criminal before the common law."

The Soviet general appealed several times to the judge to be allowed to give his evidence uninterrupted.

After declaring that the Soviet Union was seeking peace and was fully occupied with peaceful reconstruction, the general said: "We are engaged on plans to make rivers which flow North flow South instead and to bring about peace in the desert."

When the general finished his evidence, Kravchenko, although cautioned by the judge, rose to his feet and waving his arms, shouted: "At Stalingrad thousands of my fellow countrymen died. They died for Russia and not for Stalin, but he (pointing to Rudenko) made use of it to get his equalities and his medals."

Cries and counter-cries then caused a general confusion. When order was restored the general and the other Soviet witnesses left the court by a side door.—Reuter and United Press.

Meet Objectives

Mr. White contended that there were no differences between the consulting Governments or between the Department and Congress as to what these objectives were. "It is simply a matter of finding a way to meet those objectives," he said.

At the risk of labouring the point, Mr. White continued that the objectives might be described as a contribution to maintenance of peace by making clear the United States' determination to fulfill its obligations under the United Nations Charter.

He added that there was no firm commitment made, as to the form the pact would take, "on anybody's part."—United Press.

Questioned About The Guards

London, February 15.

Mr. Leonard Gamman, Conservative, asked in the House of Commons today how long the brigade of Guards was likely to remain in Malaya and if any arrangements were being made to allow wives to join their husbands.

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, replied: "It is not the practice to publish information of the kind asked for in the first part of the question. Officers and other ranks serving overseas must have at least 12 months still to serve overseas in order to qualify for family passages at Government expense."

"Applications for family passages are sponsored by the Overseas Command in question. None has been received from the military authorities in the Far East for the families of officers and other ranks of the Guards Brigade in Malaya."

"Family passages at public expense may be granted only to regulars, including officers and other ranks, serving on short service commissions or engagements."—Reuter.

CZECH OFFICER SENTENCED

Prague, February 15.

General Bohumir Menzel, 59-year-old retired Czechoslovak army officer, was today sentenced to life imprisonment by the Military Senate of the State court here.

General Menzel was convicted of having passed military information to agents of foreign powers. The indictment named, respectively, Gen. A. E. Bruce Lockhart, identified as a British Intelligence Agent—Reuter.

INDONESIAN SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

Batavia, February 15.

With a seriously epidemic of small-pox rapidly sweeping Batavia and other parts of Indonesia, Indonesian health authorities announced today that they are preparing to move small-pox cases to Onrust Island, a pre-war leper colony, near Batavia's Port Tandjong-prick.

The number of cases in the month-old small-pox epidemic jumped from 170 last week to 320 today.

In an accelerated attempt to block the epidemic in the past few days as many as 14,000 people have been compulsorily vaccinated daily in temporary medical stations in the streets and markets.—Associated Press.

U.N. Report On Indonesia

Batavia, February 15.

The United Nations Commission today postponed sending the Security Council its own recommendation for a solution in the Indonesian dispute, which it has been preparing.

According to a Security Council resolution of January 28, the Commission was to report one month before March 15, the target date for a new interim government of the Indies. If no agreement had been reached by the Dutch and Republicans.

According to the resolution, the Committee was then instructed to make its own recommendations for a solution of the difficulties.

No Reason

The Commission gave no reason for not sending its scheduled report on recommendations, but it was assumed that the arrival of Mr. Merle Cochran, American member of the Commission from Washington and Holland influenced the latest move.

Informed observers explained that the delay is probably due to the present state of flux in Dutch policy and the fact that Dr. Louis Beel, high Dutch representative in Indonesia in en route to Holland.

The next move is expected from the Hague which has still taken no official stand on the implementation of the January 28 resolution.—Associated Press.

KOREA'S BID FOR U.N.

Lake Success, February 16.

Korea's bid for United Nations membership advanced a small step yesterday, but Russia made it clear that the Seoul regime will not get far here.

Soviet delegate, Mr. Jakob A. Malik, proposed that the application be thrown out by the Security Council. He was beaten by a vote of eight to two. The Soviet Ukraine voted with him. Argentine abstained.

That put the application on the Council's agenda for further consideration. This meant it would be referred to the membership committee, approved by the majority of the 11 Council nations there and sent back to the Council.

Mr. Malik's opposition to these preliminaries meant Russia doubtless would use the big power veto in the Council for the 13th time to bar the regime set up last year under UN-supervised elections. Russia has used the veto 13 times to bar membership applications.

The United Nations Security Council has referred the application of Southern Korea for membership to its Membership Committee.

America Opposes
Mr. Warren Austin (United States) opposed the purported membership application made on behalf of the Soviet-backed government of Northern Korea.

Mr. Austin contended that the North Korean application had been made only by telegram and was intended more as a statement of intention for the information of the Council than a bona fide application for membership.

Snow In Turkey

Istanbul, February 15.

Snow in places 15 feet deep, has hit off 14 villages in Turkey's Easternmost provinces of Van, where the temperature is about 30 degrees Centigrade below zero.

Wolf packs have appeared near many villages. Shepherds and their flocks are harassed. Snowstorms have been reported from almost all parts of Turkey in a "winter" described as the severest for 200 years. The influenza wave appears to be receding but schools remain temporarily closed in Ankara, Istanbul and other towns.—Reuter.

Marches, February 15.
Six hundred Indians, the first to leave Burma since the Karen revolt, arrived here today by sea. Most of them were women and children.—Reuter.

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In that capacity I had seen many nations work. Not a fixed unity of purpose, despite all the divergences in aim and outlook and way of life that characterised them as individuals and independent states. The combat direction of their military power and the commitment of their armies to battle—the most jealously guarded tokens of national sovereignty—they delegated to single authority. While they retained administrative control of their military forces, from the appointment of commanders to the establishment of troop formations, the Allied command was a single engine in its battle mission—the winning of war. Direction by committee, in which unanimity had to be achieved before unified action could be taken, was abandoned in favour of a single commander representing all the nations engaged.

During the war it was demonstrated that international unity of purpose and execution could be attained, without jeopardy to any nation's independence, if all were willing to pool a portion of their authority in a single headquarters with power to enforce their decisions. In the formation of the new United Nations and of the Allied organisation for the control of Germany, this lesson had not yet been accepted. Its application would have meant some form of limited, federated world government which, while conforming to the Western Allies' battle-front experience as providing the only sure way to success, was politically unacceptable to any of the great nations concerned. The insistence on retention of the veto during the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in June 1945 was based on the traditional but obsolete concept that international purposes could be decided only by unanimous action in committee. In Berlin the same unanimity was required on even minor matters.

Our chief hope, therefore, was to build among those engaged in the German occupation a friendly acceptance of each other as individuals striving peacefully to attain a common understanding and common purpose—our mutual good. Once that spirit could be developed in Berlin, it would spread beyond Germany to our own capitals. The international good feeling manifested at Potsdam, between the heads of states, was a favourable start, if we could learn at the conference table to conduct our business as individuals, we could eventually live together as friends and ultimately work together in world partnership. A modus vivendi between East and West was our first objective.

The President and his staff left Germany for the United States on August 2. A few days later I was informed from Washington that Generalissimo Stalin had sent me an invitation to visit Russia. This was a renewal of an invitation that originally had come to me in early June, when I could not accept because of necessary appearance in the United States under War Department orders. With the second invitation came an expression of my own government's hope that I could accept.

The Generalissimo suggested that a particular date to be included in my visit was August 12, a day set aside for a National Sports Parade in Moscow. I was pleased at this chance to see a country that I had never before visited, but I was even more pleased by the implication that the Soviet Government was as interested in developing friendly contacts as we were. I promptly

accepted and was informed that Marshal Zhukov would be my official host for my stay in Russia and would accompany me from Berlin to Moscow.

Upon arrival in Moscow we were housed at the American Embassy with my good friend Averell Harriman, who was then ambassador. His hostess was his daughter, Kathleen, charming, a long war association. I had formed a high opinion of Mr. Harriman's abilities and public-spirited attitude and was delighted to have him as my mentor and guide during an important visit to a country in which I was a complete stranger.

Our first conference was with General Antonov, Chief of Staff of the Red Army. He took me to his war room and explained the dispositions of the Red armies in the Far East and showed me the exact plan of campaign, which had been initiated only a few days before. Everywhere in the Manchurian area things were going according to plan and Antonov was confident of a quick and easy victory. We discussed military subjects until late in the evening, all in an atmosphere of greatest cordiality and mutual confidence.

The following morning was the appointed time for the big Sports Parade. This was staged in the Red Square, a paved area of considerable acreage. The only people present were the special invited guests of the government and the performers. Estimates as to the number of the latter varied between twenty and fifty thousand. I calculated that the lower figure was more nearly correct than the higher one.

Public attendance was not permitted and the whole area was well guarded by military personnel. The several hundred spectators were allotted spaces on a stadiumlike structure, which had no seating arrangements of any kind. Everyone had to stand.

Just after we had arrived at the raised section of concrete reserved for the American ambassador and his party, General Antonov came to say that Generalissimo Stalin had extended to me an invitation to join him on top of Lenin's tomb, provided I should like to do so. Since I was in the company of the American ambassador, whose prestige as representative of the President was important, I was doubtful as to the propriety of describing him to join the Generalissimo. The necessity of saying everything through an interpreter denied me any opportunity to ask General Antonov, on a personal basis, for further details, and I momentarily hesitated. However, he relieved the situation by giving me the remainder of the Generalissimo's message, which was: "The Generalissimo says that if you would like to come he also invites two of your associates, if you would like to bring them." I turned to consult quickly with the ambassador. He said that the invitation was precedent-making; to the best of his knowledge, no other foreigner had ever been invited to set foot on top of Lenin's tomb. Realising, therefore, that a special courtesy was intended, I quickly told General Antonov that I would be happy indeed to accept and that the associates I wanted were the ambassador and the head of the United States Military Mission to Moscow, Major General John R. Deane. My thought was that if there was any local prestige to be gained, then the people to whom it would be most useful were the ambassador and his assistant.

We stood for five hours on the tomb while the show went on.

None of us had ever witnessed anything remotely similar. The groups of performers were dressed in the colorful costumes of their respective countries and at times thousands of individuals performed in Union. Every kind of acrobatic feat, and athletic exhibition was executed with flawless precision and, apparently, with greatest enthusiasm. The band was said to number a thousand pieces, and it played continuously, presumably by sections, during the entire five-hour performance.

The Generalissimo showed no sign of fatigue. On the contrary, he appeared to enjoy every minute of the show. He invited me to his side and, through an interpreter, we conversed intermittently during the entire period of the show.

He evinced great interest in the industrial, scientific, educational, and social achievements of America. He repeated several times that it was necessary for Russia to remain friendly with the United States. Speaking through the interpreter, he said in effect: "There are many ways in which we need American help. It is our great task to raise the standards of living of the Russian people, which have been seriously damaged by the war. We must learn all about your scientific achievements in agriculture. Likewise, we must get your technicians to help us in our engineering and construction problems, and we want to know more about mass production methods in factories. We know that we are behind in these things and we know that you can help us." This general trend of thought he pursued in many directions, whereas I had supposed that he would content himself merely with some general expression of desire to cooperate.

(To Be Continued)

China Aid Money Fears

London, February 15.

The sponsors of the Aid China Fund in Britain, including Lady Cripps, the wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, were reported today to be very deeply concerned lest money transferred to China might fall into Communist hands.

Major Guy Lloyd, Opposition Conservative Member, reporting this to the House of Commons today, asked what new regulations for sending money to China would be imposed in view of the disruption of the Nationalist Government.

Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, replied that he did not think new regulations should be imposed because transmission of money to China already needed Treasury permission.

No answer was given when Major Lloyd asked: "Will money go to the Communists?"—Reuter.

DEFENCE COSTS

London, February 15.

Western Union defence arrangements will cost Britain about £25,000 for 1949-50, Ministry of Defence estimates disclosed today. The major part of the expenditure is £22,118 for British staff for the new Secretariat of Staff Committees, the Military Committee, the Military Supply Board, and common services.—Reuter.

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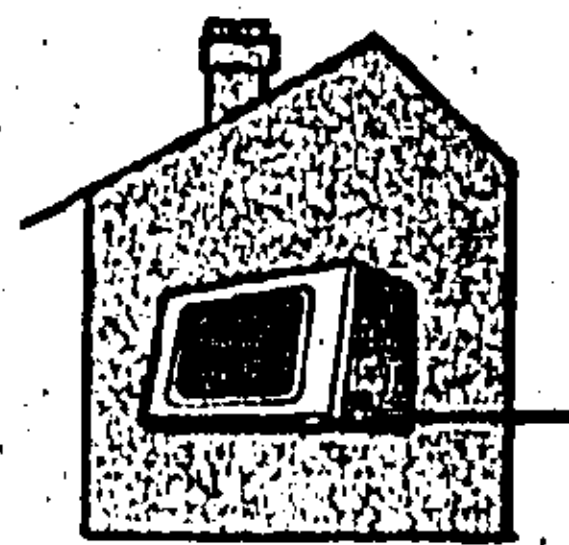
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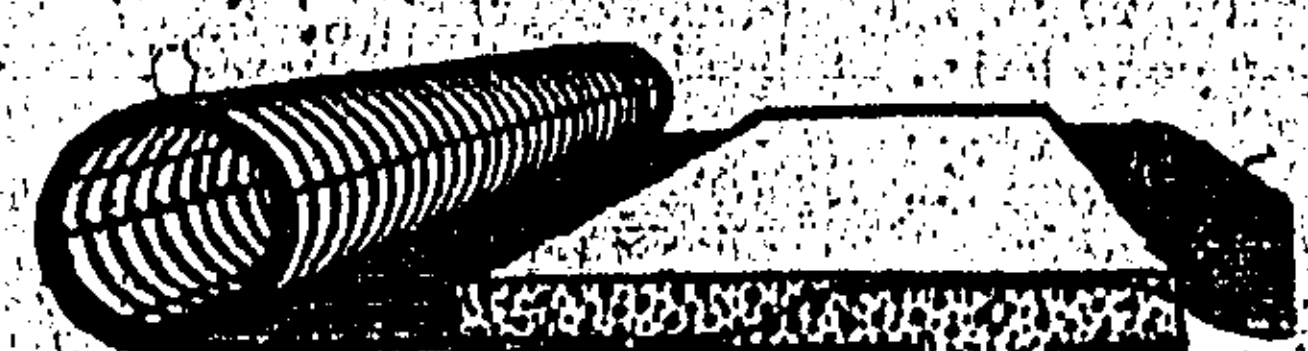
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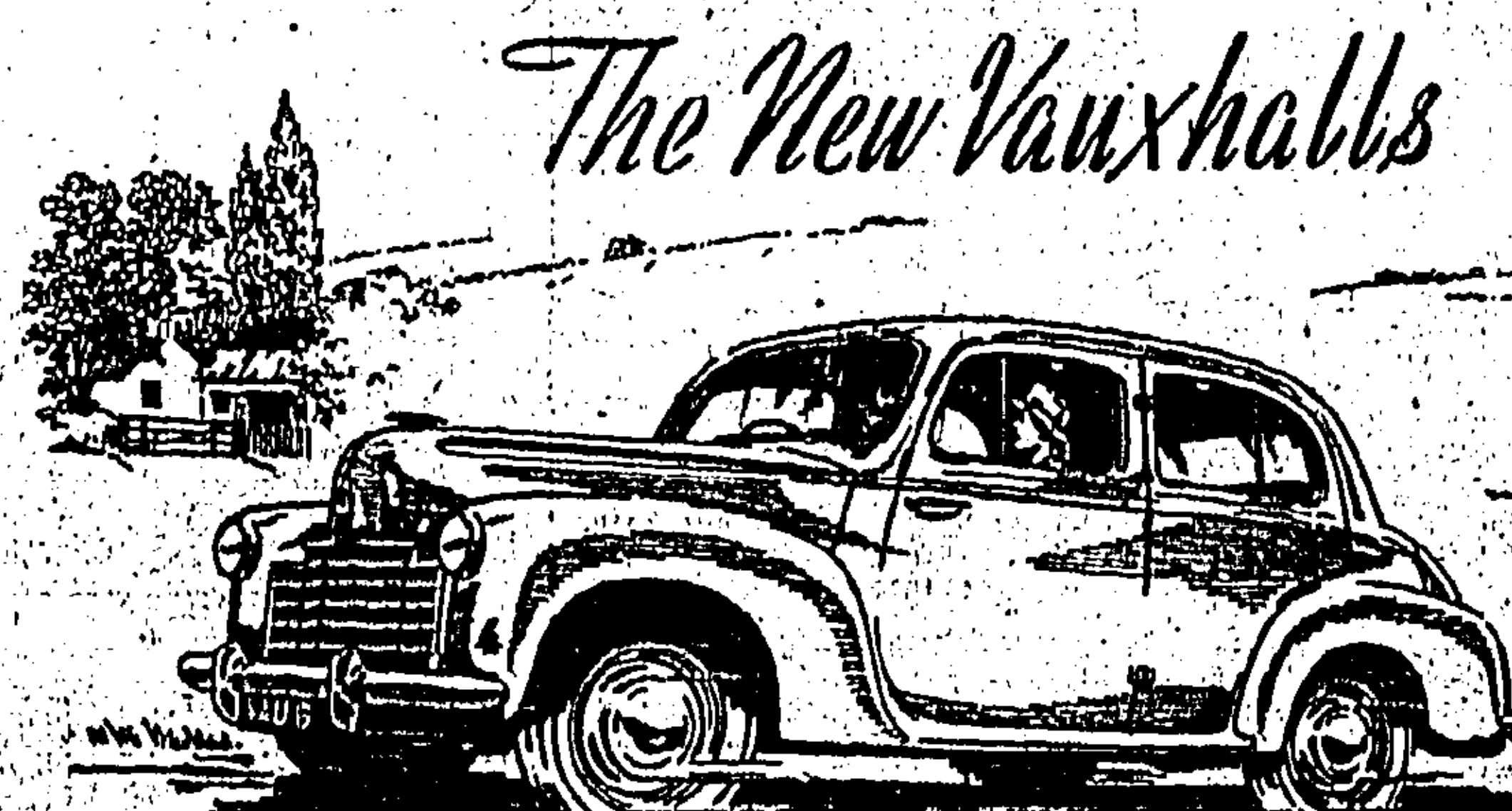
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YUGOSLAVIA'S SPIES - BY HUNGARY

Budapest, February 15.

Hungary has met a Yugoslav complaint with a seven-point counter-accusation of spying, provoking frontier incidents, and seizing Hungarian property, it was announced here today. Answering Yugoslavia's protest at being excluded from the new Soviet-sponsored "Council of Economic Assistance" in Eastern Europe, Hungary declared that she backed this exclusion because of Yugoslavia's unfriendly attitude in piling up charge upon charge in a note delivered yesterday.

She also accused Yugoslavia of arresting people of Hungarian descent "who expressed sympathy with the Soviet Union or the people's democracies."

The specific charges in the note were:

1. That Yugoslav military authorities are provoking frontier incidents.
2. That Yugoslavia has been arresting her nationals of Hungarian descent "who expressed sympathy with the Soviet Union or the people's democracies."

3. That Yugoslavia on July 16 last year rejected Hungary's request for a reduction of reparations payments.
4. That Yugoslavia immediately after that date confiscated all Hungarian property on Yugoslav territory.

5. That Yugoslav diplomats have engaged in espionage activity in Hungary.

6. That Yugoslav leaders have attacked Hungary in speeches, and

7. That Hungarian planes are forced to make wide and unnecessary detours over Yugoslav territory.

Unfriendly Attitude

The note also said that the former Yugoslav Minister in Budapest, M. Karlo Brazovic, had once threatened that "unsettled problems with the Hungarian Government should be brought before the international authorities, that is to say, as was stated by the Hungarian Foreign Minister, M. Laszlo Rajk, that Yugoslavia wishes the intervention in Hungary of the imperialists' voting machine led by the United States."

The note denied statements by various Yugoslav leaders, including the Yugoslav Premier, Marshal Tito, that Hungary was trying to make Yugoslavia's economic development more difficult.

Britain, Holland Denounced

London, February 15.

The Congress of Peoples against Imperialism today called for the withdrawal of British troops from Malaya and Dutch troops from Indonesia.

The Congress, in its resolution, also condemned racial discrimination in South Africa and denounced French colonial policy.

Formed eight months ago in Paris, it claims to represent 30 European, African and Asian countries.

Its chairman is Mr. Hucal Lampey, of the Gold Coast. Vice-chairman are Dr. N. Granjulo of the Indian colony in London, and Mr. Fenner Brockway, of the British Labour Party.

The resolution on Malaya rejected "the slur of the world terrorist on national and trade union movements" and called on the British people to demand an immediate truce and amnesty.

Against People

Affirming the "unquenchable right of the Malaysians" to independence and unification, including Singapore, it alleged that the British policy had become a "total war" against the people.

The resolution demanded an Assembly elected by democratic franchise, including the Chinese, to decide the constitutional future of the country.

On Indonesia, the resolution demanded the recognition of the whole territory as an independent republic.

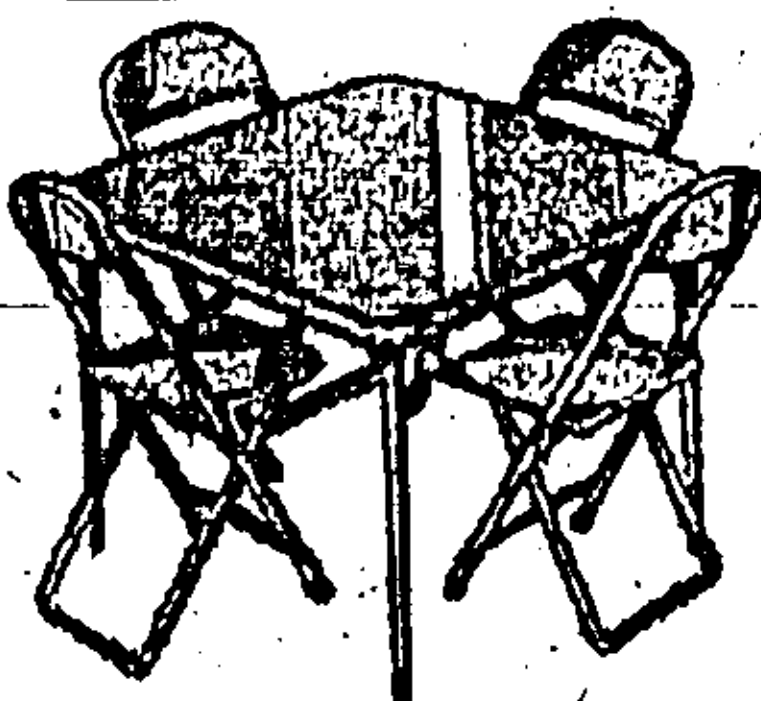
The French Government was criticised in resolutions on Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Madagascar and Vietnam. The Congress called for the election of a Constituent Assembly in Tunisia and the re-establishment of Algerian independence.

Immediate Peace

On Vietnam, it condemned the "imperialist attempts to impose a puppet government" and urged immediate peace negotiations with the Government of Dr. Ho Chi-minh.

The denial of "elementary rights" to non-Europeans in South Africa was a "blatant example of imperialism," the Congress stated. Injustices had been aggravated by the accession to power of the Nationalist Government of Dr. Malan.

The people of Cyrenaica and Somaliland, struggling for independence, were being sacrificed to the interests of imperialist strategy, power politics and "buying Italy into the Western Union."—Reuter.



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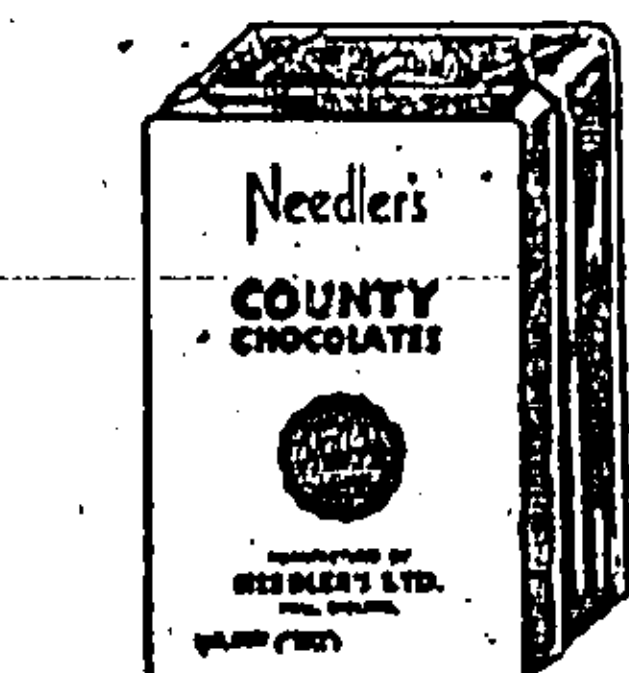
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MASS T.B. CAMPAIGN

Geneva, February 15.
The World Health Organization today announced that 8,000,000 European children had been tested for tuberculosis in its mass campaign against disease and that 3,000,000 had been vaccinated with BCG serum.

The immunisation programme is being carried out jointly by the Danish Red Cross and its Scandinavian affiliates with the co-operation of the World Health Organization and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

The health group hopes to extend the programme to 100,000,000 children throughout the world. Its campaign in Europe and Asia will be extended to the Middle East and North Africa shortly.

The Organisation also announced the appointment of Dr. Carroll Palmer, of the United States Public Health Service, to direct its large-scale international research programme in tuberculosis, with headquarters in Copenhagen.—United Press.

CIVILIANS' WAGES IN MALAYA

London, February 15.

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, was questioned in the House of Commons today whether he had any statement to make on a memorandum sent to the Government by the Army Civil Service Union regarding pay and conditions of the civilian employees of the War Department in Singapore.

Mr. Shinwell replied: "A copy of the memorandum to which you refer was received in my department and its contents have been noted."

"As a result of earlier representations from a staff organisation in Singapore, steps had already been taken, before the receipt of the memorandum, to enable the Commander-in-Chief in the Far East to deal with most of the matters mentioned in it."

"I understand that his Headquarters communicated with the Army Civil Service Union on these points. In addition, certain recommendations for the adjustment of salary scales of monthly paid staff are now under consideration in my Department, and every effort is being made to reach decisions."—Reuter.

Churchill Supports Recruiting

London, February 15.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Opposition, tonight supported the Government's recruiting drive for the volunteer Territorial Army.

In a radio appeal, he called especially on the young veterans of the late war to join this reserve, which was "indispensable" in "these" present dangerous times.

The wide gap to be filled in Britain's reserve forces was spot-lighted as he spoke by an official Parliamentary paper on defence issued tonight.

This showed that the Territorial Army and Women's Royal Army Corps numbered 67,210 on January 1, compared with a target figure of 150,000.—Reuter.

CONCERN OVER CYPRUS

Athens, February 15.

Greece-Turkish relations are going through a period of trial as a result of the recent activities of the Turkish Government in connection with the question of Cyprus, about which the Greek public opinion is highly sensitive.

In a telegram addressed to Mr. Sophoulis and Mr. Tsaldaris, the Arch-Bishop of Cyprus, Makarios, has invited the Greek Government to elicit the reasons why the Turkish Foreign Minister, Nedjmeddin Sadak, made representations to the British Government against the cession of Cyprus to Greece as was recently reported.

Reports that demonstrations have been held in Istanbul and Ankara by Turkish university students demanding the transfer of Cyprus to Turkey, had already caused grave concern in Greek political quarters and among the public. The press is highly critical of the Turkish magazine, Yeshil Ada (Turkish for Cyprus), which is published in Istanbul and which systematically agitates for a Cyprus Union with Turkey.

ASTOUNDING REVOLUTION

This unsatisfactory state of affairs in Greece-Turkish relations, generally regarded as friendly and cordial, is now complicated by the astounding revolution contained in the war memoirs now being published in the Liberal organ, To Vima, by Emmanuel Tsouderos, Prime Minister in the exiled Greek Government between 1941 and 1943.

He says that when Greece was desperately trying to defend Crete from German air attacks, Turkey planned to occupy the Greek Aegean Islands of Samos, Chios and Mytilini, possibly with German consent. Tsouderos contends that the suggestion for the occupation of these islands was made by the British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Ralph Huggessen.

Diplomatic observers here are anxious to see how Turkey is going to react to this wave of dissatisfaction of Greek public opinion—dissatisfaction which is likely to affect future Greece-Turkish relations.—Associated Press.

BRITISH SHIPS DETAINED

London, February 15.
Mr. Hector McNell, Minister of State, has informed a Member of Parliament that Egyptian interference with British ships about which Britain protested last year was still occurring.

In a written reply to a question, Mr. McNell stated that search of ships by the Egyptian authorities began in May last year after a state of siege had been declared.

"This interference with British ships has continued," Mr. McNell wrote, and a number of British ships have recently been detained in Egyptian ports.

But in all these cases, which have been brought to the attention of the Government, the Ambassador in Cairo, the Egyptian authorities have responded to our representations."—Reuter.

SHE HATED THE BRITISH

Washington, February 15.
A former Dutch crooner and today that American-born Mildred "Axis Sally" Gillars told him she broadcast for the Nazis "first because she hated the British and second because she hated Roosevelt."

Handsome Jan de Vries, aged 28, wartime singer for the Dutch. Hilversum radio, testified today at Mrs. Gillars' trial for treason.—United Press.

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JAVA-CHINA SERVICE		
Arrivals	Departures	
"TJISADANE"	In port	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb.
"TASMAN"	from Macassar Javaports & Singapore 10th Feb.	to Manila 8th March.
"TJITALENGKA"	In port	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd March.
"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar Javaports & Singapore 3rd March.	to Shanghai 6th March.
		to Javaports & Macassar 12th March.
ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE		
Arrivals	Departures	
"BOYS"	In port	to South Africa & South America 24th February.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South Africa, 6th March.	to South Africa & South America, 23rd March.
"BOISSEvain"	from South America & South Africa, 31st March.	to South Africa & South America, 21st April.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	In port	to South Africa & South America, 19th May.

All Steamers Calling Mombasa & L. Marques Direct.
Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-es-Salaam.
Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE		
Arrivals	Departures	
"VAN HEUTSZ"	from Amoy & Swatow, 20th Feb.	to Straits & B. Dell 27th Feb.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell & Spore 8th Mar.	to Straits & B. Dell 14th March.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE		
Arrivals	Departures	
"RIJNKERK"	from Europe 19th Feb.	to Shanghai via Keelung 21st Feb.
		to Europe via Manila & Straits, Early March.
"MELISKERK"	from Europe 4th March.	to Shanghai via Keelung 6th March.
		to Europe via Manila & Straits, end March.
"MARIEKERK"	from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid April.
"MOLENKERK"	from Europe Early May.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid May.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L accepted to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.
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Chinese Agents: 82, Connaught Rd., Tel. 31195 & 21533

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TO AND FROM PACIFIC & ATLANTIC COASTS

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST
VIA LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO

s.s. "DONA AURORA"	11th Apr.
m.v. "BENARES"	End Apr.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST
VIA LOS ANGELES

m.v. "BATAAN" (Direct)	22nd Feb.
m.v. "BENGAL"	3rd Mar.
s.s. "DONA AURORA"	15th Apr.

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S.S. HAI TIEN	Singapore & Penang	Feb. 19
S.S. LIN SHEN	Shanghai	Feb. 20
S.S. HAI KANG	Shanghai	Feb. 24

(With Passenger Accommodation)
Cargo space being handled & accepted
as through bill of lading.

For full particulars apply to the above.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The local market was neglected during the short session, interest being centred on Shanghai stocks which continued to improve.

H.K. GOVT. BONDS:

10% Loan 1934 & 1940 109 1/2
5% Loan 1948 101 1/2

BANKS:

H.K. & S. Bank 170 1/2, 181 1/2
(Loan Reg.) 210 1/2
Chartered Bank 211 1/2-17 1/2
Mercantile Bank A. & B. 22 1/2
Bank of East Asia 13 1/2

INSURANCE:

Centon Ins. 37 1/2
Union Ins. 71 1/2
China Underwriters 6 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. 27 1/2

SHIPPING:

Dunlop 27 1/2
H.K. & S. Steamers 17 1/2
Indo China 17 1/2
(Def.) 25 1/2
Shell (Steamer) 107 1/2
Union Waterworks 37 1/2
John New 11 1/2

DOCKERS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.

H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 17 1/2
(New) 33 1/2
North Point Wharves 7 1/2
Wh. Houqua Wharves 20 1/2
H.K. Docks 27 1/2, 28 1/2
China Providence 19 1/2
Shanghai Dockyards 12 1/2, 13 1/2
Wharves 30 1/2

MINING:

Maat Mines 6 1/2
H.K. Mines 5 1/2
LAND, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:

11 & B. Hotel 15 1/2, 15 3/4
H.K. Lands 6 1/2
Shanghai Lands 3 1/2, 3 3/4
Humphreys (Old) 14 1/2
(New) 15 1/2

INDUSTRIALS:

Cable Macq. (Old) 23 1/2
Canton Iron 7 1/2
Cement 10 1/2
H.K. Ropes 21 1/2

STORES, Etc.

Dairy Farms (Old) 44 1/2
(New) 45 1/2
Waters 2 1/2
Crawford (Old) 23 1/2
(New) 25 1/2

SINGAPORE 47 1/2, 60 1/2
China Emporium 16 1/2
Sun Co. 2 1/2
Kwang Sang Hong 14 1/2
Wing On (H.K.) 13 1/2
Wing Pong, Ltd. 11 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS:

China Entertainment 20 1/2
H.K. Construction (Old) 17 1/2
(New) 4 1/2
Vibros (Old) 15 1/2
(New) 16 1/2

MARMAN INVESTMENT 9 1/2
MARMAN (H.K.) 2 1/2
Shanghai Loan 2 1/2
Nathan 4 1/2

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Working girls went to work and to lunch today with their nylon stockings in their handbags.

A mysterious gas that killed hundreds of pairs yesterday still plagued downtown Jacksonville and women in that section took no chances on losing another pair.

Officials said the trouble probably was caused by half-burned particles of fuel and oil wood.

In Wilmington, Delaware, a spokesman for Dupont de Nemours Company, which manufactures most of the nylon for stockings, believed a curious combination of acid fumes was responsible.

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